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Protection sought for Richmond waterfront land

By Dawn Frasier

County supervisor Jim Rogers has written a letter to Catellus Corporation president Nelson Rising urging that Catellus cancel any plans to develop a driving range at Point Isabel and that the company and the East Bay Regional Park District agree to enter into negotiations for a long-term (99 year) lease of the property.

Such an insurance of public use of the Catellus property, which is located north of the Point Isabel Park, would make for a win-win situation, said Rogers, who believes that Catellus' "attempt to overcome insurmountable political, economic, legal and regulatory hurdles in order to put in a golf driving range on the property" would make for a "lose-lose" situation.

The state of Catellus' plans for a driving range is unclear. The company has recently gone through a major downsizing in which about 50 percent of the employees were laid off, according to Sally Blatt, asset manager. Blatt said the two staff persons most involved in the driving range project are no longer with the company.

Any plans for development, she said, are definitely preliminary.

Blatt did say that Catellus, which has land holdings in 13 states, is exploring the possibility of constructing driving ranges at a number of places with a company at that business; she did not know if Point Isabel is one of the areas under discussion with that developer.

Catellus is naturally very interested in revenue-

producing developments on lands the company is holding, she said, in order to defray the rising costs of taxes and insurance.

El Cerrito resident Jean Siri, who represents the region on the board of the East Bay Regional Park District, said staff had in fact made "a good offer" to Catellus for a lease but was turned down.

"We wouldn't want to buy the property; it's too hazardous," she said, "but we would like to lease it. We need it."

Siri said extension of the existing dog park is one option for the land if it could be leased by the district.

Siri said she was not herself sure of the status of the driving range plans and doesn't know what to tell the interested members of the Point Isabel Dog Owners

Association. On the other hand, she said, "we keep hearing it's definite."

For his part, Rogers is addressing specific negative he believes would occur in any golf range development. In his letter, he addressed the issue of access to the property questioning, among other things, whether a new bridge would be approved by the BCDC c would pay for itself from Catellus' standpoint.

He also questioned whether the city of Richmond would approve the venture, though commercial activities have been approved for the area, and whether conservation issues might be raised since burrowing owls may be present.

Rogers characterized the site as "politically contrac

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Albany adopts new tree plan

By Mary Flaherty

ALBANY — In an effort to revitalize Albany's "urban forest," the City Council unanimously approved a new tree maintenance and planting program Monday night, in addition to addressing problems created by the eucalyptus trees along Solano Avenue. Plight caused by the overgrown, shedding trees brought more than a dozen residents to council chambers.

"Start trimming back these trees immediately," requested Jerome Blank, owner of Blank Realty on Solano Avenue, referring to the large eucalyptus trees that line the street. He blamed the trees for damaged sidewalks, obscured street lights and clogged drains.

"Little did we know we were creating a major problem," said Blank, when the Chamber of Commerce and business owners paid to plant the trees along Solano Avenue around 1972.

The new tree maintenance program, budgeted at around \$44,000 for the first year, calls for trimming trees in commercial areas every two years, including the eucalyptus trees along Solano Avenue. Trees on residential streets will be pruned every five years and park trees every eight years.

John Mason also asked the city to trim the eucalyptus trees, saying his properties, Monterey Restaurant and Supercuts, had suffered damage from the trees during recent storms.

The eucalyptus trees, neglected for several years, will be trimmed this year, said City Administrator Darren Fields.

In addition, the city council agreed to uphold a 1989 decision to replace the willowleaf eucalyptus along Solano Avenue with a more easily maintained variety, the Peppermint Eucalyptus, which reportedly has a stronger branch structure and generates less litter.

Assistant Planner Anna Pehoushek said the weak branch structure of the willowleaf eucalyptus, as well as improper past pruning and lack of maintenance make these unsuitable street trees.

"The city will make sure a certified arborist is involved in all pruning in the future," she said.

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Recall effort in the making

Richmond resident James Austin (left) circulated a petition Monday to recall four board members of the West County Unified School District. Austin explained the effort by

West County Residents for Fair Government to Ben Kreger (right) at the Safeway store in El Cerrito. The group contends that a \$72 parcel tax approved by the board without voter

consent is unnecessary and improper. The group needs to gather nearly 11,000 signatures by April 3 to qualify the recall for voter consideration.

Revised rules of conduct adopted in Albany

Policy aims to define City Council jurisdictions

By Mary Flaherty

ALBANY — After some tense discussion, the City Council approved rules of conduct for council members Monday

night, 4 to 1.

Councilmember Robert Good opposed the proposal saying that he hasn't seen any reason for the rules and that they would erect barriers between the council and staff.

"The old rules are working fine, let's keep it that way," he said.

The new rules include the following:

- Council members shall not interfere

with the powers and duties of the City Administrator, or the internal operations of any city department;

• Council members shall permit Committees, Boards and Commissions to function independently so that recommendations coming from such Boards and Commissions reflect the thinking of the appointed members.

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Federal funding allows residents to adopt trees in El Cerrito

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The city of El Cerrito is moving right along toward its goal of beautiful tree-lined streets. Now that the winter storms have subsided, at least for the time being, crews are busy planting new saplings all over town for those residents who've requested them and agreed to "adopt" them. It's the tail end of a grant program sponsored by the Small Business Administration (SBA); El Cerrito was fortunate to receive funding from the program, which has an uncertain future.

In El Cerrito, the SBA grant provided for 250 trees to be planted on residential curb strips. Interested residents were invited to visit the "demonstration forest" planted along the Ohlone Greenway to examine examples of 26 eligible, state-approved trees. From those, perhaps a half-dozen are appropriate for each site, depending on factors like soil condition and width of the strip.

"We're being very careful to plant the right tree in the right place," said Pat O'Keeffe, manager of the city's community services department.

Residents were invited to choose from the five or six trees recommended for their location; they then agreed to care for the tree, especially to water it during its first few years of becoming established.

The program was very popular, according to O'Keeffe; there is a waiting list for the next round of tree plantings.

'The program came about to put people to work...and to put trees in the ground.'

—ERIC OLDAK, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

station along freeways, and in a lot of cases, Caltrans doesn't have the right-of-way (available) to replace it," said O'Keeffe. "As a result, cities are getting money from Caltrans to help mitigate the loss."

In El Cerrito's case, that should result in about 600 more trees, he said. Residents will again be invited to apply for adoption.

In addition, two hundred will be planted at schools; the city is working with school principals on the project. Another new dimension of the program will be the planting of trees on commercial properties, again, for those business owners who request them and will care for them.

The SBA grant, though a federal program, was administered on the state level through the California Department of Forestry (CDF).

"The SBA ... does loan packaging and doesn't understand trees," said O'Keeffe. "The CDF understands trees and can evaluate applications for funding." From the SBA's standpoint, he said, the program is a way of stimulating small businesses in many aspects of the plant industry — contractors who provide labor, nurseries that offer the products.

A second grant has already been received for that planting, which should begin this fall. An Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant is expected from Caltrans to help mitigate the effects of the I-80 widening.

"That project is removing veg-



City crews also planted new trees on San Pablo Avenue.

While the program seems to be working well, it may not have much of a future.

"This is a different thing for them, and it's been popular with cities," said Eric Oldak, state coordinator of

urban and community forestry programs for the CDF. "The SBA tree planting program came about to put people to work ... and to put trees in the ground."

He added, however, "It may be

something the administration would like to eliminate."

Oldak said that when the SBA program first came into being, "putting people to work and the need for trees in urban areas was important. The federal government, however, has other programs for tree planting; while the SBA program has been reauthorized for three years after an existing sunset date, Congress has not had forthcoming with any more funding, he said.

In the meantime, California has been successful in picking up between \$2 million and \$3 million of the original program, which offers between \$14 million and \$15 million.

Oldak credits that success with California's strategy in generating dollars to add staff to administer grants. (That expense was not authorized by the SBA.) In an innovative program, the state has required that the applicant come up with 25 percent of the total which the state holds for administration.

"Essentially, the applicant gets 80 cents on the dollar," he said.

The downside is that cities that need trees don't always have the

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The adventures of a sea-going drone

"IT IS AN ancient mariner . . ."

When last seen in November, this space was about to go down to the Oakland docks and hop aboard a slow boat for a six-week voyage to the South Seas.

What with stevedores in LA refusing to load containers on Thanksgiving, roiling seas that caused the ship to list 45 degrees and slow to two knots, an engine explosion, labor unrest on the docks at Botany Bay and other unguessed at delays, it turned out to be 53 days "at sea."

Ninety degrees west past the international dateline, 90 degrees south across the equator, 17,071 nautical miles at the apparent speed of a gin rickshaw and what did I see? I saw the sea, as Fred Astaire once sang, and fell into the Ancient Mariner's sea-induced trance. I tried to inveigle a sailor into shooting the albatross that followed the ship but none would risk the curse.

I saw the sea black, orange, silver, turquoise, cobalt and other blues as yet unnamed. I saw the sea glass-flat, meek and mild, and whipped by gale winds into awesome mountains and valleys. Day after day after day, I saw the sea, the horizon rising and falling, and the sky. And at night, millions of stars in strange arrangement.

FANCYING MYSELF A WRITER, I determined to keep a log of the trip. I wrote, in my round school teacher's hand, of thrills sailing under the Bay Bridge and the Golden Gate at night, of two nights marooned at the dock in Long Beach.

Scarcely a week later, at sea, my log looked as if it were written by a spider with ink on its feet. After two weeks of sensory deprivation far removed from the Information Highway, I couldn't remember what day it was anyway and threw my log over the side — an illegal act.

The rules banning disposal of stuff into the sea, you may be glad to hear, include just about everything, with an emphasis on plastic in any form. I tried to entice a sailor into jettisoning two buckets of toast crumbs and lettuce leaves, the better to lure more fish and birds into my camera's range, but no.

YES, BUT, AS A PASSENGER on the Columbia Star, a ship whose prime directive is not entertainment but delivering California fruits as well as mystery containers labelled "corrosive," "flammable" and "explosive" around the world, what's a sea-going drone to do?

I strode around the deck, five circuits to the mile, except on days when, if I tried it, I'd have been washed overboard. I scoped out the ship from poop to monkey island and watched sailors paint and chip paint.

Letters to the Editor

Recall endorsed

Editor:

As parents and/or supporters of the schools in the West Contra Costa Unified School District, the members of the Contra Costa Chapter of United We Stand America on Jan. 26 voted to support the petition drive for the recall of School Board members Diana Eastin, Karen Fenton, Karen Ortega, and Woodward Snodgrass.

We feel that these people have failed to improve the schools in the district, that they are not acting to educate the children in the School District, and that they no longer have the confidence of the community.

It is time to elect new members to the School Board and to rebuild our school system. For more information, please write or call P.O. Box 5605, Hercules 94547, 724-5762.

John Gotelli
Hercules

Safe enough isn't

Editor:

This is in response to the thoughtful letter from the Albany parent in the Feb. 2 Journal. He reported on a conversation with the Superintendent of Schools that relayed reassuring words from the "District Architect" about earthquake safety of Albany High.

I would like to share knowledge that I gained while our company was considering renting space on the top floor of a three-story non-ductile reinforced concrete building located near a major earthquake fault. We were told by the owner that the building came through the Loma Prieta



By Phyllis Lyon

I read English mystery novels by the dozen and, sailing among the tropic island scenes of their past and faded glories, the sea stories of Captain Bligh and Captain Cook.

And I ate, and ate, English cuisine as interpreted by filipino cooks. Or as my fellow passenger and newfound pal, Bert of Irvine, said, "The lean ones get on and the fat ones get off."

And, as the ship's business permitted, I took brief looks at some cities down under.

IN SUVA, the capital of the Fiji Islands, I was accosted on the dock by a native who gave me a tour of the backrooms of back street stores where I was urged to trade Fiji dollars for beads. I visited the public library and a huge farmers' market where I didn't recognize any fruit or vegetable except the coconuts and, after I asked, still didn't know.

ON BOXING DAY, I had Wellington, New Zealand, all to myself. The city had apparently been hit by one of those bombs that kills all the people, leaving the buildings intact. Nevertheless, I strolled the empty streets and took pictures of the stunning new public library. I read in the paper that the Maoris are taking the country back from the colonists.

The highlight of Sydney, Australia, of course, is the Opera House, an architectural gimmick whose designer was inspired while peeling an orange. It was budgeted at \$7 million, cost \$102 million and the peels weigh 26,800 tons. I read in the paper that the citizens of Sydney are fighting about whether to build a casino on the waterfront and the aborigines are taking the country back from the colonists.

LURCHING AROUND the house for about a week, I managed to retrain my sea legs, but reorienting my entranced sea brains is another story.

Scarcely hours after I'd flown home from Seattle, an Albany citizen stood in the street in front of my house and yelled that my scurilious, biased reporting of events leading up to voter approval of the card room had caused the ruination of our town.

And I remembered why I'd left town in the first place and how pleasant it would be to run away to sea again.

earthquake unscathed.

After getting feedback from a structural engineer with a special interest in earthquakes, we discovered that the building's response to the distant Loma Prieta quake meant very little and that there were real safety problems. We informed the building owner of these reasons and declined to rent the space.

Both El Cerrito High and Albany High are older two-story buildings made of non-ductile reinforced concrete. Non-ductile reinforced concrete is being shown to be as unsafe as unreinforced masonry in many instances. Two-story buildings are often less safe than one-story concrete buildings.

There is very recent information that is strongly suggesting that earthquake intensity near major faults like the Hayward Fault (very near the high schools) is significantly greater than previously thought. This information is not reflected in any current building code.

The current building code for schools is the latest edition of Title 24. Older buildings designed to older codes, which required significantly lower loads and other safeguards, do not need to be retrofitted by law unless they undergo major alterations.

It should be clearly understood that "up to current code" is a floor, not a ceiling. While newer code-designed buildings are usually safe, older buildings may not be because of the difficulty of changing something that exists and the extreme costs and disruption of a total upgrade.

An older building "up to code" may or may not be able to safely resist a long-duration maximum

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Viewpoint

Supporting the arts is just a phone call away

By Clara Rae Genser

this low-budget department.

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Police Reports

Thieves make off with cash from EC restaurant

By Dawn Frasier

were taken from the garage.

A VCR amplifier was taken from a home in the 1600 block of Lexington during the daytime Feb. 7, after the burglar forced open the front door with a pipe wrench.

A \$10 bill was taken from a storage building in the 700 block of Kearney Street between Jan. 19 and 24.

CDs were taken from a bedroom in the 200 block of Behrens Street during the daytime Feb. 8; an exit was made through the garage.

A bike was taken from a second-story balcony in the 700 block of Kearney Street at 3:20 a.m. Feb. 5.

Two attempted burglaries were reported. Someone used a screwdriver to attempt to open a metal sliding window in the 3400 block of Belmont Avenue between Jan. 28 and Feb. 3, causing about \$100 damage.

A pipe wrench was used to break a doorknob in the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue Feb. 2, causing \$35 damage.

Someone shot a bullet through a bedroom window between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. Jan. 31.

The owner of a vehicle stolen from the 10100 block of San Pablo Avenue saw his truck while he was enroute to work in El Cerrito at about 9:03 a.m. Feb. 9. He reported the vehicle as stolen at that time.

A 1985 Mazda RX7 was reported stolen during the daytime

I have just made this known that my feelings are cordially transmitted to all three of our representatives in Washington, D.C.

1-800-651-1575, a line offered by a national coalition of organizations of humanities and museums as take your information and contact your message to all three congressional representatives, Senators Moscone and Feinstein and your own, Congresswoman Dellums (in this body). A one-time charge of \$9.95 will appear on your telephone bill.

Jan. 30; a 1967 Chevy El Camino during the night of Feb. 2.

Three auto burglaries reported. An in-dash stereo slide mount were taken from a 200 block of Seaview Drive during the night of Feb. 1. A lock-change was taken from a car parked in the Mayfair lot during the daytime Feb. 3. A glove compartment was rifled in a car parked at less and Huber during the day Feb. 6; nothing was taken.

An employee of Big 5 Sporting Goods is suspected of taking a gun from a locked storage sometime between November and January.

A credit card statement was stolen from a mailbox in the block of Belview Court. It was reported Feb. 2. The thief is suspected of taking the statement in order to obtain the card.

A gas card was taken from a mailbox in the 500 block of Norwell Street between Jan. 26 and 27.

Four arrests were made driving under the influence. Richmond man at Huber and Less Avenues at 1:22 a.m. Feb. 1; a Richmond man at Arlington and Madera Jan. 2, an El Cerrito man at San Pablo and Potrero Aves. at 2:09 a.m. Feb. 2, and a Vallejo man at Fairmount and San Jose Avenues at 12:30 a.m. Feb. 3.

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Albany police capture suspected carjakers

By K. Osborn

demanded pizza and money. The thief then fled with only a pizza in an insulated bag. He described his attacker as a black male about 20 to 25 years old.

A store on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue was the victim of a robbery on the afternoon of Feb. 6 when two women distracted the clerk while a third woman opened the till and removed the cash. One of the women was described as black, 32 to 38 years old, 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall, weighing about 160 pounds with black hair, brown eyes and wearing a red dress. The second woman was described as black, 32 to 38 years old, 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall, weighing 180 pounds with black hair, brown eyes and wearing black clothing. Police are investigating.

On the night of Feb. 5 a Richmond man reported that while making a pizza delivery on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue he was approached from behind by a subject who placed an unknown object at his back and

shower, ate food, shaved, and articles of clothing, CDs and tapes. The owners discovered when they returned home that he was let in and claimed that he was let in and property was recovered and intruder was arrested.

A Pinole man reported on the afternoon of Feb. 7, he was playing basketball with friends at the courts at the school, he was approached by men who asked him a question, then walked away. He stated he returned with knit masks on and demanded the player's wallet. The group gave up their wallets and the thieves fled north toward the El Cerrito border.

Between 5 p.m. on Feb. 8 a.m. on Feb. 7, thieves padlocked and chain secured their bikes to the wrought iron stairs on the outside landing of an apartment building on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue and stole the bikes. There were no witnesses.

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Albany lawyer enters state assembly race

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — He's been a mayor and city council member in Albany, a regional activist for the Democratic Party and an environmental advocate. Now he's working to organize the city for earthquake preparedness.

For local lawyer Robert Cheasty, winning Tom Bates' seat in the state assembly is the next logical step in what he sees as a lifelong commitment to public service.

Indeed, that commitment was a recurring theme during a recent interview with Cheasty in the conference room of his well-appointed, newly constructed law office on Solano Avenue.

"My parents always instilled in us that you have to give something back to your community," Cheasty said.

"I feel I can make a contribution and hopefully make a difference. I feel that's why we are here. We are put on this earth for a purpose, we are stewards of our society."

Cheasty said he is proud of his record as a city council member beginning in 1984 and later as mayor in 1987.

Efforts to advance the installation of the East Shore State Park, and assembling funding to construct the new library are two accomplishments of which Cheasty is most proud.

"I loved it. Sitting on a public assembly where you get to try to make good decisions for the community is very rewarding," he said.

"We started putting the city back on a strong economic foot and were able to restore services for street maintenance, tree trimming, street sweeping, street lighting and increase the number of personnel in the police department, as well as encouraging programs for kids."

Cheasty, a New York native, runs a seemingly thriving law firm — Cheasty, Davis and Pollock — launched in 1984.

While the firm is largely a civil litigation practice, Cheasty is

probably best known for representing Golden Gate Fields owner Ladbroke Racing Inc. from 1990 through 1994, causing some to question the appropriateness of a past public official acting as the legal representative of the city's largest business operation.

Former City Councilmember Bill Cain said the conflict was apparent during his political tenure.

"He often came before city council, and we had a hard time distinguishing who he was working for — he would switch allegiances so much it was hard to follow. I'm just a little concerned about his ability to be a representative of the people as opposed to a representative of special-interest groups," Cain said.

Cheasty said that perception couldn't be farther from the truth.

"When I represent the client, I represent the client. The fact that I had Albany's best interests at heart probably didn't hurt. I was always up front about who I was representing," he said.

"I think it was perfectly fine. It was one of things that allowed us to protect the waterfront. When the issue (of working for Ladbroke) came up, a number of folks had been encouraging Ladbroke to take a more active role in the waterfront... to encourage a park out there. It was a wonderful opportunity to get them on board."

Longtime Councilmember Thelma Rubin also disparaged Cain's remarks.

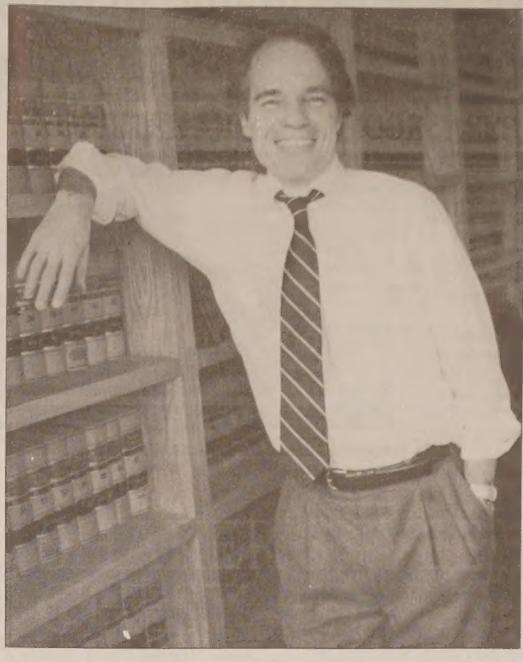
"What's wrong with that? The man has to earn a living. He can represent who he pleases," she said.

Instead, she said, Cheasty's candidacy should be seen as a rare opportunity.

"It's not usual for us to have someone out of Albany running, so it's really kind of exciting," she said.

And Cheasty said his public record speaks for itself.

He's worked on a number of



State Assembly candidate Robert Cheasty

local, regional and state environmental issues through membership in Citizens for the East Shore State Park, as a founding member Citizens for Albany Shoreline, a representative of the East Bay on the League of California Cities Water Policy subcommittee, past president of the Solano Avenue Association and chair of the Democratic Party 14th Assembly District from 1991 to 1993.

Using his background as a springboard, Cheasty said he'll stand up for educational and environmental priorities if elected to the assembly.

"You have to be willing to stand up for your principles and not be silenced by the fact that maybe Democrats won't be in the majority by the time I get there. If you have a commitment to things that are morally correct, you have to stand by them," he said.

Greater emphasis on education, enhanced utilization of programs for at-risk youth and a commitment to the furtherance of environmental protections are targets for Cheasty.

"When you're talking about ways of dealing with society I think you have to have a sense of priorities."

"There's a clear correlation between the amount of education people get and whether they will join the haves or the have-nots," Cheasty said.

Connected to better education

is the importance of preserving programs for the poor, he said.

"I think it's grossly unfair to beat up welfare mothers and blame them for the ills of our society. Show them they can succeed and that there are jobs available when they complete their education."

"It doesn't seem to work well to say we think things were better in the past and ignore what's going on in the country. We need to include everyone — neighborhoods where you have high crime rates are the same neighborhoods where you have high rates of joblessness, teen pregnancy and low voter turn out," Cheasty said.

But, if elected, Cheasty is clear on where he'll put his energies.

"I would start with the schools. We're 46th in the nation in per-pupil spending. We owe it to our future generations to improve the educational system," he said.

Central to making the system work, Cheasty said, are measures like expanding Head Start and other preschool programs, reducing class sizes and enhancing programs for at-risk youth.

But first, he said, the tide of political cynicism must be stemmed.

"It's OK now to blame the poor. I'm not suggesting we want to build a permanent welfare state, but...there's a mean-spiritedness to it. They could wipe out food stamps and welfare and we'd still have a deficit," he said.

Newsline

Assemblyman to speak at Demo Club

EL CERRITO — Assemblyman Robert Campbell will discuss current issues in Sacramento and answer questions at the meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, at the NEW meeting place, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. across from El Cerrito High School.

The public is welcome to attend.

Albany Hill wins environmental grant

ALBANY — Friends of Albany Hill has received a \$4,250 grant from the 1995 California ReLeaf/National Urban Forestry Grant program.

Local environmental artist and resident Carole Fitzgerald is the project coordinator. Barbara Erter, botanist and curator of Western North American Flora at the University Herbarium, Jackson Herbarium at UC Berkeley will provide technical advice.

The group will select between 20 and 25 community volunteers to participate in six workdays involving tree-care and fire debris removal. Interested persons can call 528-3236 or write to Friends of Albany Hill at 906 Madison St., Albany, 94706.

The project is funded by the USDA Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Dinner to benefit disaster preparedness

Back by popular demand is the spaghetti dinner staged at the El Cerrito-Albany Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave., to aid the local NEAT neighborhood in funding emergency supplies.

A typical supply includes items such as medical trauma kits, walkie-talkies, water storage drums, protective and functional equipment for emergency workers, etc.

Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24. All persons who enjoy a very affordable quality meal on a Friday evening are welcome.

Adults may dine for \$4, teens for \$3, children for \$2, and an entire immediate family ticket is \$12. Advance ticket reservations are very helpful and appreciated; please contact Doris at 526-9625; tickets will also be available at the door.

Our Turf's Team Leader, Karen Stone, suggests that as more and more NEAT neighborhood groups are being formed throughout El Cerrito and Kensington, a habit of patronizing affordable fund-raisers will strengthen our city's resources to meet emergency situations.

For interested citizens, NEAT organizational packets will be available to patrons wishing to know more about the program.

Captain David R. Gibson, Program Coordinator, El Cerrito Fire Department, will be on hand for those interested in becoming part of a NEAT neighborhood.

School needs grocery receipts

EL CERRITO — Harding Elementary School needs your Lucky's and Raley's grocery receipts before Feb. 24.

Please send or drop off your Lucky's/Raley's receipts to Harding Elementary School, 7230 Fairmount

County committee members sought

The Contra Costa County Women's Advisory Committee is now accepting applications for membership.

The Women's Advisory Committee is a 25-member board — sponsored by the Board of Supervisors and affiliated with the California State Commission on the Status of Women — dedicated to enhancing the economic status, social welfare, and overall quality of life of women in Contra Costa County. Terms are for three years.

For more information, or to request an application, call Karen Butler at 370-5055. Interested parties may also obtain applications from the office of the Clerk of the Board in downtown Martinez.

Outstanding women to be honored

Soroptimist International of Richmond, El Cerrito and El Pinole will jointly be presenting Human Rights/Status of Women Awards at a luncheon on Feb. 28 at Mira Vista Country Club in El Cerrito.

The recipients are:

Human Rights Award — Reta Hall and Fred and Audrey Nieman

For reservations or information, contact Mary Gianotti Z35-0706

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Health expert illustrates float tube magic in new book

Patricia C. Pothier has written several acclaimed books on nursing, public health nursing and allied subjects. She has done a documentary which won several awards. She has written articles in some of the most prestigious publications. So what are we celebrating today? The publication of her latest book: "Float Tube Magic, a Fly Fishing Escape" with a further title, "A Fly Fisher's Guide to Happiness."

And as with nursing, Pat Pothier knows whereof she speaks about Fly Fishing and Float Tube Magic. For she and husband Bill (Rev. William Pothier) have been fly fishing for some 20 years, in the last few of them using float tubes.

Float tubes? Say Pat and Bill, think of the movies "A River Runs Through It." What they do in that movie is dry fishing. That, of course, is the elite. What the Pothiers do is wet fishing. Dry Fishing, they tell me, is dangerous. You are walking in the river, and on the bottom there are rocks and holes which you cannot see and are too busy to feel for.

And, they add, often people stop fishing when they begin to suffer from arthritis. Float tubes, they say, can help such people keep on with the sport that is so important to them.

Tube fishing is exactly what it sounds like. And it is every bit as exciting and rewarding. One man, in his 80s, recently died in his tube. The only way to go for a dedicated fisherman.

Pat started writing the book as a few pages of instructions and suggestions for a friend who wanted to get into the sport. As she wrote, however, she realized that there were probably many people who would be interested, so she expanded it.

"Float Tube Magic" is a beautiful book. The gorgeous photographs, a lot of which were taken by Pat, herself, are not only illustrations, but are used as background for the text. The sunsets over Henry's Lake in Idaho are breathtaking, and Pat has caught them at their loveliest.

Henry's Lake is their favorite spot, although they go all over West Yellow-stone, (where most fly fishers come together), Idaho and Wyoming. They speak of the annual meeting and barbecue held near the Blackfoot Indian Reservation, of the friends they have made, of the freedom and joy they feel when, early in June, they pack their RV and take off for the summer in the lands they love, doing the thing they love.

Bill hints he has become a sort of unofficial counselor for the group, "extending my ministry," he smiles. And always the people they meet there form a friendship, exchanging advice, support and enjoyment.

The fly fishers keep only the fish they intend to eat, carefully handling the rest, and restoring them to the river.

Pat Pothier was born in Berkeley. "We lived a block from the university campus," she says, "And one of my best memories is going to the campus and rolling on the grass. She attended the Albany schools most of her youth, where she took classes in business. But her heart wasn't in business, and part of her family, who lived in Truckee, turned her on to nursing. It was this same relative who introduced her to fly fishing.

Back in school she changed her classes, and realized she had found the right one, for her, getting all As. Then on to UC Berkeley, where she was one of the very last to enroll in the Cadet Nursing programs. It was a 4 year program which she completed in 28 months.

She met and married Richard McNeal during this time, and they had four children, one set of twins and two others. They built their home in El



Patricia Pothier at home in her tube.

Cerrito, where she and Bill now reside.

During this time Pat worked in the Berkeley Health Department, and then, back to her first love, nursing. Tracing her career would be a column in itself. After the death of her first husband, she went back to school and earned her masters in Public Health.

She had always wanted to go into Child Psychology, and Bill had encouraged her to do so. Her Post Masters was in Child Psychology.

The documentary, mentioned earlier, was made while she was working at Sonoma State Hospital. An Academy Award nominee, it is the best selling film that UC Extension has ever had. It is used by people teaching ethics, morals, care of the handicapped, fund raising for programs for the handicapped and others.

Pothier's work in teaching and research has

been recognized and praised widely, and in her being asked to chair the UC Department of Mental Health and Community Health Nursing. That, she says, was one of the most difficult parts of her career. It was to last only until they found someone from the outside to take the position, took five years.

Then the new dean of the school asked her to be associate dean. When she became acting dean, she was astounded. She had never thought that would happen. Three and a half years later they found a dean by recruiting one of her best students, back to being assistant dean, and then retired.

Bill, who had left the pulpit some years ago, was active in organizations and working with aging.

These two talented, busy people, now find joy in their family and their shared hobby: Fly

Women wanting to know more about fly fishing are invited to write Golden West Women Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 22068, San Francisco, or Pothier at 235-8261.

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I was delighted when Bill Pothier called me about Pat's new book. It would be a pleasure to tell him about our achievements. The fly fishing is only the part.

And I invite all of you to give me your interesting people, events, etc. etc. Please call me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706 or call 525-4585.

Local businesses lend support to Richmond Art Center

The Richmond Art Center announced this week that Chevron is its current sponsor in its Adopt-A-Month Program. Adopt-A-Month sponsors provide partial support for a month of RAC's operating costs. Chevron has generously contributed \$3,000 to RAC for the month of February.

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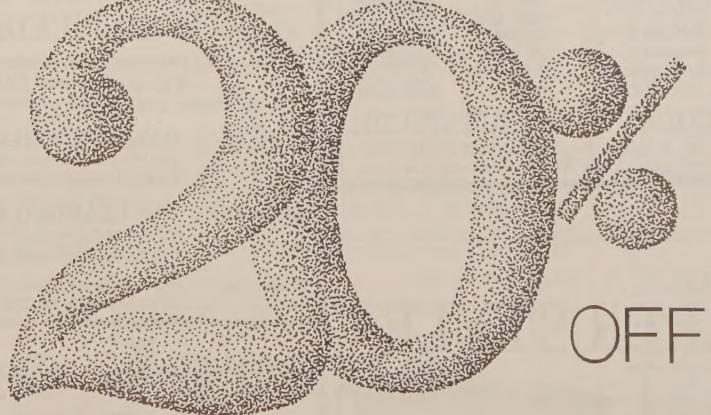
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Goings on About Town

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Berkeley Repertory Theatre: "Geni(us)", by Geoff Hoyle and Tony Taccone, directed by Tony Taccone. Through March 24. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 845-4700.

Berkeley Theater Project: "Watch-night: An Evening of Mythic Jewish Theater," written and performed by Joshua Leavitt, directed by Aaron Davidman. Through Feb. 19. 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Call 649-9100.

Berkeley Youth Orchestra presents the Winter Concert of the 25th anniversary season on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. St. John's Presbyterian Church 2727 College Ave.

Black Repertory Group: Lil' Ham, by Langston Hughes. Feb. 16, 17, 18. 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. Call 652-2120.

Brazilian Jazz: Benefit for the Berkeley Creative Living Center, with Sabena Stark. Feb. 25, 8 p.m. First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

Center for Theater Arts, UC: "The Crucible," by Arthur Miller, directed by Christopher Herold. Feb. 23 through Mar. 5. The Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley campus. Call 642-9988.

The Community Women's Orchestra: Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m.: Tenth Anniversary Season Winter Concert. Le Conte School, 2241 Russell, Berkeley. Call 428-1350.

The Concert Honoring Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, hosted by Wavy Gravy, features Jackson Browne, Buffy Sainte-Marie, John Trudell and Bad Dog, and Jesse Colin Young at Berkeley Community Theater on Saturday, Feb. 18. 762-BASS.

Hertz Hall: Feb. 22, noon: Young Musicians Program, Marsha Jaeger, director. U.C. Berkeley campus, free. Call 642-4864.

The Kids on the Block: Free puppet shows by the educational puppet troupe, which includes disabled and non-disabled puppets. Feb. 18, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 549-1564.

La Peña Cultural Center: Feb. 17, 8 p.m.: "A Portrait of Mexican Society" multimedia bilingual performance with Jose Hugo Sánchez and Olga Margarita Dávila; Feb. 18, 10:30 a.m.: The Plum City Players with the songs and stories of Annie Hershey, Bonnie Lockhart, and Nancy Schimmel. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-2568, ext. 15.

Live at CCCT: Pocket Theater, directed by Mark Patiño and Rex Muñoz, through April 12. Ages 7 - 9 years. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.; ages 10 - 12, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. 951 Pomona Avenue, El Cerrito. Call 232-6537.

Live Oak Youth Theatre Audition: "A Midsummer-Night's Dream" actors, singers and behind-the-scenes workers, grades 1-12. Pre-Audition classes begin Feb. 21, auditions Mar. 7. 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 548-1759.

New Giorgi Gallery Concert Hall: Feb. 17, 8 p.m.: Arlekin String Quartet, Weber Quintet for strings and clarinet; Feb. 18, 8 p.m.: TBA; Feb. 19, 12:30 p.m.: Beethoven, Liszt, and Wagner, Seth Montfort, solo piano; Feb. 19, 3 p.m. Truc Nguyen, piano; Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.: The Viola Quartet with a touch of Marimba; Feb. 23: Artists with Urban Mexican Sensibility. Ticket includes a free glass of wine from Oddbins Winery. 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-4967.

Poetry at Cody's: Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.: Linda Smuker and Dodie Bellamy; Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.: David Alpaugh and Ruth Daigon, \$2, upstairs. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Call 845-7852.

Fax calendar
announcements to
339-4066
by Friday.

Trinity Chamber Concerts: Feb. 18, 8 p.m.: Matthew Lawrence Edward, piano. 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. Call 549-3864.

Ashkenaz: Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m.: Cajun with Tracy Schwarz and friends; Feb. 17, 9:30 p.m.: Tropical Vibrations & Jungular Grooves; Feb. 18, 9:30 p.m.: Sister Ilive; Feb. 19, 9 p.m.: Benny Velarde & Supercombo; Feb. 21, 8 p.m.: Balkan Folkdance lesson; Feb. 22, 8:30 p.m.: Jo Jo Reed and his Happy Hill Zydeco Band; Feb. 23, 9 p.m.: Made in the Shade, New Orleans style Swing, Cajun and Dixieland Funk. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Kimball's East: All shows 8 and 10 p.m. unless otherwise noted. \$18-\$24. 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. Call 658-2555.

Starry Plough: Feb. 16: The Commons, Wildflowers; Feb. 17: The Strangers, Peter & Amos; Feb. 18: Tang, Feb. 19: "Multiculturalism & Race Relations in the 90's" open forum and benefit; Tuesdays, Traditional Irish Music/Lessons; Wednesdays, Cabaret/Open Mike, 7:30 p.m. Music starts Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Religious Activities

First Unitarian Church: Sunday services, 8:30 a.m.: meditation; 9:30 a.m.: Personal Theology with new interim minister, Dr Bob Kaufmann; 10:45: "The National Anthem Challenge," examination of the "Star Spangled Banner" among other anthems. One Lawson Rd., Kensington. Call 525-0302.

Berkeley Hillel: Feb. 16, 8 p.m.: "Roots, Riffs, and Ruggae": an Evening of Klezmer Music"; Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Potluck Dinner; Feb. 17 - 20: "Choosing Jewish: Life Styles and Life Partners", the Hillel Kallah Brandeis-Bardin Inst., Simi Valley. 2736 Bancroft Way. Call 835-2848.

El Cerrito Community Center: The Buddy Club presents National Award Winner Magic Mike, Feb. 19, 11 - 12:00 p.m.: 7007 Moessner Lane, El Cerrito. Call 215-4077.

GAIA Bookstore: Feb. 16: Kazuaki Tanahashi and Tensho David Schneider, *Essential Zen*; Feb. 17: *Finding Your Writers voice: A Guide to Creative Fiction*, Thaisa Frank; Feb. 23: Jonathan White, *Talking on the Water: Conversations About Nature and Creativity*; All events 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 548-4172.

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Berkeley Hiking Club: Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m.: Trail maintenance; Feb. 19, 8:30 a.m.: Mt. Tamalpais - two hikes. Call 654-3148; 9 a.m.: Shell Ridge, call 939-0159.

Birthways: Feb. 8, 10 - 11 a.m.: Sibling Preparation; Feb. 19 - Mar. 26, 6 - 8:30 p.m.: Childbirth Preparation. Call 869-2797.

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City Commons Club: Feb. 19, 12:30 p.m.: "The Successful Aurora Theater," with Barbara Oliver. Feb. 22, 10 - noon: "The Middle East: Lasting Steps to Peace?", with Fred Lawson. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Call 848-3533.

City of El Cerrito: New class series: Feb. 18 and 25, 10 - 13 p.m.: "Life Purpose"; Feb. 18, 10 - 12:00 p.m.: "Creating Abstract Art." Call 215-4371.

Cody's Books: Feb. 16, David Wallin and Stephen Goldbart, *Mapping the Terrain of the Heart: The Six Capacities that Guide the Journey of Love*; Feb. 20, Luisah Teish, *Carnival of the Spirit: Seasonal Celebrations and Rites of Passage*; Feb. 21, Keith Harary, *Who Do You Think You Are?*; Feb. 23, Mark Salzman, *The Soloist*. All events 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Call 845-7852.

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinternick

New member boasts display of antique slot machines

If visiting Lake Tahoe or Reno is one of your favorite pastimes, you'll feel right at home in the showrooms of one of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's newest members.

The company, World Slots, is located at 6317 Fairmount Ave. and features a display of some 20 antique slot machines.

All are in good working order and available for sale.

Sale of the machines for amusement purposes became legal, explains World Slots owner Kent Ochs, when the law was changed a few years ago to permit purchase of slots over 25 years old.

Active here since 1974 in arranging group trips to the gaming spots in Nevada, Ochs was able to use his connections to get a good selection of conditioned antique slot machines.

As a result, his customers can pick from a collection ranging from double-nickel Nevada Club machines to Bally nickel, dime and quarter slots.

Prices run from \$750 to \$2,500.

Terming his machines "a great gift for home use" and perfect for the person who has everything," Ochs adds that his new firm will service and repair both the ones he sells and those purchased elsewhere.

Not content to be one of the leaders in the slot machine sales, Ochs recently started handling individual and group cruise and tour packages.

"Now," Ochs says, "we can arrange land and cruise packages to anywhere in the world on all the major cruise lines."

An owner of race horses

himself, Ochs uses his contacts in the racing fraternity to set up another annual specialty of his.

The first Saturday in May each year he takes a group of 40 people to see the Kentucky Derby and enjoy the festivities surrounding this event.

In business in this area for some 20 years, Ochs was formerly active in both the Albany and El Cerrito rotary clubs and served two terms as president of the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

He can be reached by telephoning 524-4750 or 525-5368.



Kent Ochs with then chamber president Rena Bruton at World Slots.

opportunity of becoming better acquainted with one another, to share ideas of interest and to enjoy.

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"There is a special need at this time for bric-a-brac, with clean wearable clothing, furniture, jewelry, small working appliances and other household items needed as well," said Anna Breslin, shop manager.

For more information, contact Anna by calling 527-1469.

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The chamber extends appreciation to Sam Woods, manager of Smart and Final, for hosting the recent Membership Mixer.

Great food, prizes and hospitality were enjoyed by all in attendance.

The next mixer will be co-hosted by the Soroptimist International of El Cerrito, June Bobbitt, president, and Julie Rowlett, of J.R. Muggs, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 23, at J.R. Muggs in the Del Norte Place, 11740 San Pablo Ave.

The purpose of the mixers is to allow members the

League of Women Voters celebrates 75 years and more

Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky's recent proclamation marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters on Feb. 14, 1920.

The proclamation makes special note that for 75 years the League has worked to provide "nonpartisan information on candidates and issues for elections; encouraged voter registration and informed voting; helped generations of voters understand the structure and function of government; provided nonpartisan balanced information on public policy issues to citizens, and worked to promote the public interest."

While the national League celebrates its 75th birthday nationwide, the local League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville (LWVBAE) has a history even older.

Starting as a local branch of the California Civic League in Berkeley founded in 1911, it began many League activities before the national organization was a reality.

By 1916 the Berkeley League was publishing an "Election Primer" on ballot issues and sending observers to meetings of the City Council and Board of Education

In 1938 members set up a large tent on Shattuck Avenue to register voters, which assured maximum visibility for the League.

League members in Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville are among the most active in the nation—participating in any or all of its four wide-ranging programs:

• **Studies**, where topics of agreed-on interest—locally, state, or nationwide—are conducted, reported to the membership and recommended for League action.

• **Action**, when the League lobbies before legislators, brings legal action if necessary, holds pub-

lic forums, and the like. (Local action committees include health care (national), housing (state), finance (state and local), and youth services (local).)

• **Community services**, where the League publishes *Pros and Cons*, nonpartisan statements for and against state and local ballot measures provide speakers on ballot measures to community groups, and presents candidates meetings for citizens to hear and question those running for local offices.

• **Meetings**, where members join study and action groups of their choice and unit meetings where League positions are debated and recommended.

The LWVBAE office located above Andronico's market at 1414 University Ave. in Berkeley is a lively place from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every weekday, especially around election time.

Busy members can be found pursuing a half dozen things—checking the files for some past action on an issue, answering a citizen's query about her representative or a League position, entertaining a foreign visitor curious about this organization with "women" in its name that heartily welcomes men to its membership, writing up a study report or a letter to the mayor, or collating the pages of the *Voter*, the monthly newsletter it sends to members.

Particularly relevant to Albany this year is the new venue for the League's monthly Brown Bag lunches to which the public is always welcome—the new Albany Community Center at 1247 Marin Ave.

The next Brown Bag meeting on Thursday, March 2, noon, will feature Bradley Clark, Alameda County Registrar of Voters, who will discuss how "purging" of voter rolls works, what needs to be done to improve the integrity of the lists of voters, and the new system for ballot counting to be tried a week later in a special election in Newark.

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—Erik Tranum
MacGregor High School

QUIETNESS

When me and my brother were walking at 7 in the morning I heard a skunk rustling in the woods. Once when I was hiking a great

big hill I heard the wind blowing. It sounded like "Whoooooo."

When I was camping I heard the flowers blooming. One time when I was sleeping I heard the grasshoppers singing and the peach tree growing.

When I stayed up all night and the peach tree was growing I heard the ants eating it.

I was in my bunk bed and I heard the apple tree growing.

—group poem: Maja, Daniel, Alex B., Noelle, Brigitte, Luke

and Jacob; Pam Marquardt's second-grade class, MacGregor Primary School

Students wrote these poems during workshops with Poet-in-Residence Judith Tannenbaum. This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Poetry headline created by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.

Poetry display

Ten poem-collages created by students in the poetry class at

MacGregor High School are currently available for viewing in the display case in the Community Center room at the Albany Public Library.

Work by: Logan Byrne, Erik Carroll, Sara Hassan, Marcus Johnson, Sparkle Kelley, Jonathan Lyles, Hilary Munday, Dena Roseman, and Tenesha Smith. Created with Poet-in-Residence, Judith Tannenbaum.

Poetry program funded, in part, by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. For further information, call Constance Hubbard, 559-6570.

Obituary

Ruth A. Jackson

Ruth A. Jackson, well-known California travel writer and coastal preservation activist, died in Albany Feb. 4, after a long battle with cancer. She was 75.

Jackson's book, *Combing the Coast*, went through many revisions and printings.

She was the author of other books, including *All Around the Bay*, and numerous magazine and newspaper articles on travel and humor.

Her love for the coastal areas of California led to lifelong preservation efforts.

After graduating from UC Berkeley, Jackson traveled the world but always returned to the Bay Area.

She held various writing jobs,

including years as a copy and advertising executive at Macy's in San Francisco.

She is survived by her husband, Ken (whose Native name is Dennis Eagle), of Seattle, and three children, Michael, Erik and Leif, in the Seattle area.

Memorial services will be held Friday, March 3, 5 p.m. at First Unitarian Church, 1700 University Avenue, in Kensington.

Her ashes will be scattered over the Big Sur later this year.

The family suggests donations to the Nature Conservancy (P.O. Box 98125), a support group for the terminally ill families.

Kid Page

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Differences between enrichment and childcare programs

Sometimes a topic demands discussion at a PTA meeting, generating both heat and (if we're persistent) light. A case in point — one of the easier ones — is the difference between enrichment programs and childcare programs. The question came up recently about the new after-school classes at the Middle School. Some parents mistook these enrichment classes for childcare, and wanted to know how attendance would be enforced.

In general, after-school programs fall into two categories, enrichment and childcare. These two may sometimes overlap, but they are not the same. Parents should recognize that childcare's first priority is to provide a safe, reliable place where children stay for a specified time, while an enrichment class's purpose is to provide cultural or recreational opportunities that extend a

child's experience.

Enrichment classes typically meet less frequently, and for less time, than childcare. If a child misses an enrichment class, the teacher may or may not contact the parent about the absence. In childcare, however, an absence will be investigated and reported.

Most good childcare programs provide some kind of enrichment activities — perhaps a crafts program, or sports. The enrichment activities augment the childcare, but they don't define it.

For example, if rain prevents children in childcare from playing outside, they still remain at the site. In contrast, if rain cancels a soccer league game, everyone understands that the players will stay at home. The league is not obliged to fill the time with other activities; it is not a childcare program.

Childcare programs specify the hours in which a child will remain on site, and may charge fees if a parent is late picking up the child. Enrichment programs, in contrast, simply release the child from the site when the class is over, although teachers of younger children usually take the extra responsibility of seeing that the child stays nearby until picked up by an adult.

Parents who work during school hours may mistake an enrichment program for childcare, particularly if the program takes place on school grounds, where childcare programs may run at the same time.

But, for the safety of their children as well as for the goodwill of those directing after-school programs, parents need to understand the difference between enrichment, which provides an opportunity for a child to learn or practice an activity,

and childcare, which provides a reliable, safe alternative to going home after school.

Coming up soon: Cornell PTA's Feb. 23 meeting features Anne Read Smith, who will lead a "participatory evening" on the subject of "Heckles, Put-Downs, and Other Facts of Life" at 7:30 p.m. in the Cornell Library.

Mrs. Smith, a former Cornell School teacher, recently published a book titled *Teaching Children Self-Esteem: A Creative Behavior Handbook for After-School Child Care*. Through role-play, the audience may learn ways that children can "protect their own emotional and physical space appropriately." The presentation is designed for adults; childcare is available.

On Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Marin School Multi-Use Room, the district is holding a community workshop to discuss the district's projected \$200,000 budget deficit. City

residents are invited to discuss possible solutions to the shortfall.

On Feb. 27, the Middle School Planning Committee will meet to discuss the new school's open spaces, lighting, parking arrangements, security, and other important features. Parents and other members of the community are strongly encouraged to come to these meetings. If you have interest or concern to express about the building of the new school, the time is 7 p.m. at Middle School Library.

PTA Council's Disaster Preparedness Committee will meet on March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Cornell School. School Board members and other representatives of the district will attend and answer questions about retrofitting in schools over the next few years. Retrofitting is funded by bond money as it becomes available, but priorities and plans can be discussed now. Albany residents are welcome.

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The alligator had become extinct, it would mean that there would be any more of them. Rather than permit this to happen, the United States government added the American alligator to the Endangered Species List. This ended the alligators from hunting. Since becoming a protected species, the population of American alligators increased to the point where they are no longer endangered (no longer in serious danger of becoming extinct).

Some people might not see anything wrong with the extinction of a big, ugly, dangerous-looking animal like the American alligator. But most people believe that we do not have the right to destroy any species, regardless of our feelings about it. Also, biologists (scientists who study living things) have discovered that all plants and animals play

important roles in ecosystems (the interactions between living and non-living things). For example, in the Florida Everglades, alligators dig deep depressions called "gator holes." These holes collect fresh water during the wet season. During dry spells, these holes supply water and food for many kinds of birds and other animals which gather nearby. After the dry spell ends, these animals will repopulate the area.

The American alligator lives mainly in Florida, Louisiana and Texas. They can be found near the edges of freshwater swamps, marshes, lakes and rivers. This habitat supplies the alligator's main diet of fish, frogs, turtles, ducks and muskrats. Attacks on humans are very rare, although alligators should be treated with respect. They are carnivores (meat-eating) and they can get big. In the "old days" before they were over-hunted, alligators sometimes reached 19 feet in length! Today, we rarely find any over 12 feet, and the average for adults is seven to nine feet.

Some people confuse the American alligator with various species of crocodile, some of which have been known to be more aggressive toward humans. A crocodile's snout is more narrow and pointed while an alligator's snout is broader and rounded.

Alligators are reptiles and all reptiles

are "cold-blooded." This means that an alligator's body temperature is close to the temperature of its surroundings. To regulate its temperature, an alligator will alternate basking in the sun to warm up, then swim in the water to cool off when overheated. Alligators have their eyes, nostrils and ears on top of their heads, which allows the alligators to float for hours with just the top of their heads showing. Alligators are black to brownish-black in color, which makes them hard to spot in the water. Gators can also hold their breath under water for long periods.

Mother alligators lay their eggs in big nests of plant material. As the plants decay, heat is produced which incubates the eggs. When the babies hatch, they make squeaky cries which tell the mother to dig them out of the nest. Unlike most reptiles, the mother alligator will stay with the youngsters for awhile.

When I was visiting Florida, I saw two alligators. One was about six feet long and the other was a youngster of three feet. Since American alligators can live to be over 50 years old, I hope these "gators" will live a full life, the lifestyle they've been living since dinosaur days.

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MARTIN SNAPP

Crime And Punishment: Good news and bad news on the local crime front last week.

The good news: They just held the second trial in the Michael Enea murder case. (He was the young man who was beaten to death by a gang of toughs as he was walking along Grand Avenue.)

As you'll recall, defendant No. 1, Dwayne "Heavy D" Jones, was convicted last fall of first degree murder. Last week the defendant No. 2, Kevin Saunders, was also convicted of first degree murder.

Score another one for the lady with the scales and blindfold. Two down, two to go.

The bad news: Bradley Page was released from prison Friday, after serving only two years and eight months for killing Bibi Lee.

Let me recap the facts: She was his fiancee, a bright, vivacious senior at UC-Berkeley. They went walking in the woods and had a lover's quarrel. He beat her unconscious, then left her there to die. Afterward, he returned to the scene and had sex with her corpse.

(I'm sorry to include such gruesome details, but you have to know what a perverted creep this guy really is.)

He confessed all this to the cops, but later withdrew his confession, saying he had been tricked into it.

Ever since then, he and his family and friends have consistently claimed he's innocent.

Only one little problem with this claim: How come his confession included details that only the killer could have known? The cops never released them to the public.

I can't help thinking that if Page were black and poor, he'd be rotting in prison for the rest of his life.

But he's not black, he's not poor, and he's not in prison. He's back in Oakland, celebrating his newfound freedom surrounded by his nearest and dearest and acting as if he was the victim.

Meanwhile, Bibi Lee has been in her grave for 11 years. And her nearest and dearest are still trying to figure out how to face life without her.

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Get Out The Umbrella: Am I the only one who saw the irony in last week's decision by the Clinton administration to start a trade war with China?

In the six years since Tienanmen Square, China has been a human rights horror story. But that's never moved our government — whether Clinton or Bush — to make a peep.

But as soon as money is involved, whammo! It's part of an alarming trend in our foreign policy that's been getting worse since the end of the Cold War. The late C. Wright Mills called it "crackpot realism." It's the Nixon/Kissinger school of thought that says go for your naked national interests and to hell with human rights.

It sounds smart, but it's awfully short-sighted. Those old men in Beijing aren't going to live forever. They're going to be succeeded by the generation that lost the battle at Tienanmen Square. That generation has little love for the current regime — or for Westerners who collaborate with it.

Ditto for our policy (or lack thereof) toward Bosnia. Anyone with any sense of history can hear echoes of Auschwitz in euphemisms like "ethnic cleansing." But Clinton — and Bush before him — is afraid to do anything.

Right now, doing nothing looks like the safe move. But we're paying a terrible price in the Muslim world. I think they see Bosnia as a test case of the West's sincerity.

There are a lot of 11- and 12-year-old kids in Gaza and Teheran and Islamabad who are watching us sit by while Bosnian Muslims are being slaughtered. They're thinking — quite rightly — that we don't care. And they're marching right down to the nearest Hamas recruiting station.

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I'll Take Pole Vaulters for \$200, Alex: Who cares about the baseball strike? I have some Olympic news. "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy!" have been named the Official Game Shows of the 1996 Olympics.

Meanwhile, in the you-can-always-use-another editor department, Oakland's Steve Bischoff was stunned to discover this quote in the IBM magazine, "Profit":

"With tight budgets these days, it's not always possible to give top employees a raise. But you can show them that you value their contributions by creating a variety of low-cost awards. For instance, name a space after the employee. The Susan Smith Corridor, for example."

Not to be outdone, the Post Office delivered a letter to Oakland's John Christensen with the cancellation stamp reading:

Support Drunk And Drugged Driving Awareness Week

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Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in The Journal. Phone Martin at 273-9543; write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619; or E-mail him at Snapp@BMUG.org, UUCP AOL address: CATMAN 666.

Policy

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Another variety of eucalyptus was chosen as a replacement, over other tree types, to preserve the ambiance of Solano Avenue, valued by residents, said Tom Leader, landscape architect who served on Solano Avenue Street Tree Advisory Committee which made the recommendation in 1989.

The problem was that the eucalyptus tree replacement program along Solano Avenue was too aggressive when it was implemented in 1991-1992, said Fields on Tuesday. "Too many trees came down suddenly, stumps were left and trees weren't replaced," he said. "The citizens felt it was poorly handled."

This time, Fields said, trees will be replaced gradually over many years.

"I'm very pleased with the council's decision to

replace the trees gradually," Block said.

The program calls for increased tree planting all over Albany. An inventory by Thomas Pehoushek of Urban Forestry Consultants showed more than 2,400 trees in commercial and residential areas of Albany, but identified another 2,300 possible planting sites.

The program includes a list of trees recommended for planting based on their size, growth patterns and maintenance needs, and the city staff reported that it has applied for tree planting grants.

The city now has a computerized inventory of all street trees that identifies location, species, size, and health and will include maintenance history. City staff can use the inventory to schedule more efficient tree pruning, said Pehoushek, as well to track tree species for cost effectiveness.

The Council also adopted two resolutions regarding tree removal along streets and in parks. One resolution states that the city should assume the removal costs for any trees existing to date that were planted by the city. Pehoushek said he frequently faced with deciding whether property owners should pay for trimming trees planted by former residents.

Resident Evelyn Meuti asked the commission to ax a Bradford Pear tree causing a dead branch to fall across her front door. Under the past policy, she should have been granted permission by both the Park and Recreation Commission and the City Council, said Fields.

Councilmember Elizabeth Baker told the commission to ax a Bradford Pear tree causing a dead branch to fall across her front door. Under the new policy, she should be granted permission by both the Park and Recreation Commission and the City Council, said Fields.

experienced a net decline in street trees.

The 1991 inventory identified 2,070 trees for street tree planting. The 850 trees planted under the SBA grant and the Caltrans mitigation make a substantial dent in that number.

"What we're now trying to do is to increase street tree planting through a series of grants," said O'Keeffe, "just the first two."

Trees

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money to front, though Oldar said other grants are available that don't require a "hard match."

Other states have recently picked up on California's strategy; the irony of that, says Oldar, is that the SBA program will soon end.

In communities like El Cerrito, where the match has been made, the funding source is a major benefit, he

said.

That's particularly true in terms of El Cerrito's tree status. A 1991 tree inventory of all existing stock revealed that the city has only about 60 trees per linear mile of street, compared to the national average for cities of 120 trees.

In the state, said O'Keeffe, El Cerrito falls within the 18 percent of street tree programs which have

Catellus

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versarial." He believes that characteristic, as well as the physical nature of the capped toxic property (related to battery contaminants), will eventually discourage potential range developers.

"EBRPD currently has the financial resources to negotiate a fair lease with Catellus," said Rogers. "Can Catellus be sure that will be true several years from now when the driving range idea is finally put to rest?"

Rogers is convinced that public opposition to any such project is widespread and goes "well beyond the 800 or so members of the Pt. Isabel Dog Owners."

A 99-year lease, he said, would solve concerns, improve the property, and integrate the area into the Bay Trail project.

Rising, who according to Blatt is now the person most involved with the plans, was not available for comment.

Disaster

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vices District.

Though El Cerrito fire chief Steve Cutright and Kensington general manager and police chief Jim Bray will eventually work with the committee, Salsig said, the four members plan to meet for the first time alone Feb. 23 in order to talk about a number of preliminary ideas — how big the committee should be, for example, and its general goals.

Kensington did have a disaster preparedness program based on neighborhood organization several years ago. The volunteer program resulted in several viable neighborhood groups, which are still meeting. As a whole, however, that effort didn't fly.

Salsig believes the community might now opt to become a part of El Cerrito's NEAT program (Neighborhood Emergency Awareness Teams); at least those

residents attending fire district board meetings are enthusiastic, she said.

Salsig also believes Kensington might expand its own dimensions to any emergency preparedness program.

A town hall meeting will be held in March. Disaster preparedness will be the general topic, new Bates bill, requiring certain roofing construction and a specified level of vegetation, will also be discussed in terms of preparedness in Kensington. Also on the agenda is a proposed draft evacuation plan put together by a group of staff working with a volunteer citizen.

Salsig stressed that all plans for emergency preparedness organization in the community are preliminary since they've not yet even been drafted by the new committee.

Ethics

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After discussion the council added the following rule:

* The City Administrator shall report to the council any violations of the above rules which come to his/her attention.

The rules were proposed by Anne Haden, a former Albany council member, and were drawn up by Mayor Mike Brodsky and Councilmember Thelma Rubin.

Letters

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credible earthquake on the Hayward Fault estimated at 7.2 magnitude.

Current upgrades "to code" are almost always done in a very simplified manner due to high design costs. I was told that studies have shown that some buildings brought up to code could have major design flaws that would be disclosed if a complete time history analysis was done by one of a handful of people who can correctly do this type of analysis.

I was told that there is a real bottom-dollar way for my firm (or parents) to know if a building (the high schools) needs a more careful seismic assessment. The approach would be similar to but cost a tiny fraction of the expert evaluation of a San Francisco freeway by Caltrans. Evaluation of the freeway by outside experts disclosed that the simplified retrofit designs, by competent engineering firms, could fail in a major earthquake.

Caltrans hired a team of highly regarded experts, although only one, retained for only one hour, could easily address the above concerns, as this information is apparently well-known.

In addition to safety, district administrators and school board members have to consider the costs and logistics of moving and housing students. A parent-controlled and financed committee could focus exclusively on safety without pressure about adequate alternate facilities or other non-safety issues.

For instance, should AHS or ECHS be shut down for immediate earthquake retrofit, even if it means putting students in portables, or can we wait?

I am told that an hour's consultation to review the above concerns with an honest super-expert in earthquake design, such as Professor V. Bertero of UC-Berkeley or Professor N. Priestley of UC-San Diego, might not cost the parents more than \$1,000.

If the one-hour consultation discloses that the above is not alarmist speculation but that real safety problems do exist, the parents would be able to make informed decisions on what should be done and present these to the school officials.

I would be willing to pony up \$40, \$10 for each of my children who attended AHS. All we would need would be 50 or more parents to help defray costs. What are we waiting for?

Anne Bell, Albany

Citizens take a stand

Editor:

This letter is to let you, our friends and neighbors, know who we are and why we have filed a lawsuit against the city of Albany relative to the cardroom ballot measure.

Citizens for Responsible Government is a group of citizens who care about our city and

want it to continue to be the kind of place we all want to live in. We are working to promote public participation in governmental and electoral processes. We are also trying to ensure government compliance with state and local laws.

WHY HAVE WE TAKEN THIS TO THE COURTS?

The lawsuit by Citizens for Responsible Government fits our mission. We have brought this action for positive reasons. We feel that, allowed to stand, the precedent set by Albany and Measure F is a dangerous one. It isn't right.

What we question is the ability of a city council to craft and agree to terms of a project and place it on the ballot without first exploring its potential impacts. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is an informational law which requires that the impacts of a project be disclosed and mitigated before binding approvals are given. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is the document most often prepared to identify these impacts. With an EIR the decision makers — whether they are city officials negotiating the terms of a development agreement, or voters giving final approval — are assured of having the information needed to make informed choices.

Last Fall many of us discovered that the city of Albany was trying to skirt its obligation to follow CEQA. Several groups, including the Citizens for the Eastshore State Park, the Sierra Club and the city of Berkeley requested that Albany do an EIR for the cardroom.

Now that a development agreement is in place, the obligation to do a full EIR and its corresponding efficacy are questionable. More important, if the city now discovers previously unknown impacts, the development agreement limits our ability to require mitigation. Even if these impacts were significant enough to make the project undesirable, the city is still obligated to permit it.

This is inconsistent with both CEQA and Measure C. It is also inconsistent with informed public participation. Information should have been made available last summer, before negotiating terms or placing it on the ballot. In light of recent press reports on cardrooms and crime, the issue of safety should have been studied first.

We are also asking the court to decide whether the ballot language was in compliance with the State Gaming Registration Act. This law establishes guidelines for asking voters if they approve of cardroom gambling in their municipality. The multi-purpose language of Measure F including its suggestion of revenue, jobs and a Bay Trail, as well as specifying the

cardroom location, may have violated the law.

HOW CITIZENS CAN HELP:

These questions will be answered in the course of law. Citizens for Responsible Government hopes everyone, including those who support Measure F, will recognize the importance of our suit.

We are looking for people to offer money, or simply their name and support. Lawsuits are costly. Moreover, it is important to keep citizens informed of what we are doing and why. Finally and most importantly, if you share our goals and objectives, we invite you to join Citizens for Responsible Government.

In the words of John F. Kennedy: "Now is not the time to fix the blame for the past. It is the time to fix the course for the future."

Please call us at 528-0206.
David Arkin
Judith Innes
John Shively
Members of the Board

Recall support sought

Editor:
The West County Residents for Fair Government are pleased to report to the community that the School Board recall petition is snowballing. Over 5,000 people have signed the recall petitions already. Over two hundred people joined our group last month. We are growing. Come meet us. We are at the Hilltop Mall over the next four weeks to allow members of the community to sign petitions. All residents who wish to support the recall election on School Board members Snodgrass, Easton, Ortega, and Fenton urged to sign the petitions right away. 10,906 signatures by April 3. This is the community's best chance right now of defeating the School Board. Let's get it done!

We look forward to meeting you. Please call us at 235-4177 if you have any questions or need petitions to circulate.

Brian Leahy
Secretary-Treasurer
West County Residents for Fair Government

Send letters to P.O. Box 1624 El Cerrito, CA 94530. Deadline is noon Friday.

Soccer teams line up for ACCAL playoffs

Piedmont tops boys' teams

By Peter Mentor

And now the nominations for teams that will be the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League soccer playoffs — the envelope please. If only it was that easy to find out which teams would play this week in the ACCAL playoffs for a chance to make the North Coast Section playoffs a week.

The league coaches held two meetings at Bishop O'Dowd Monday night, one for the boys' teams and another for the girls' teams in adjacent rooms to go over team records and draw a dividing line for a maximum number of games played during the regular season.

Because of the rain, referee problems and other difficulties of this odd season it was necessary to draw nine games with teams submitting their best scores and eliminating any games after that regardless of win, lose or draw.

Teams were awarded two points for each win and one point for each tie with the total points of the best games added up and teams were compared on that basis.

The top six teams made the ACCAL playoffs with two teams getting byes in the first round,

The winner of No. 4 and No. 5 match plays in one final game today at the No. 1 seed, while the winner of the No. 3 and No. 4 match plays today at the No. 2 seed in the other league semifinal.

Teams that make it to the league semifinals receive four berths to the North Coast playoffs, and made Tuesday's matches the most important. The boys' meeting went rather quickly without much commotion, which could not be said for the coaches meeting because it was not so clear

No. 1 PIEDMONT (9-1-2) came out the regular-season champion with 18 points to take the No. 1 seed and get an automatic berth into the North Coast Section. The Highlanders got a bye in the first round of the ACCAL playoffs.

No. 2 RICHMOND (8-0-3) was second with 17 points and got the same perks as Piedmont, but there were some heads being scratched because Richmond was undefeated and beat Piedmont 6-0 during the regular season and the Oilers still finished below the Highlanders.

Piedmont coach said his team had played

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Albany's Nora Absetaliz defense against O'Dowd's Kari Calderon.

Jeff Lindquist

ACCAL Soccer Playoffs at a glance

ACCAL BOYS SOCCER

OPENING ROUND - Tuesday 2/14 (Wednesday 2/15 if rain)

No. 6 St. Joseph (5-3-1) at No. 3 Kennedy (8-2-0)
No. 5 El Cerrito (5-3-4) at No. 4 Bishop O'Dowd (6-0-3)

SEMIFINAL - Thursday 2/16 (Friday 2/17 if rain)
No. 1 Piedmont (9-1-2) plays winner of El Cerrito-Bishop O'Dowd

No. 2 Richmond (8-0-3) plays winner of St. Joseph-Kennedy

CHAMPIONSHIP - Friday 2/17 (Saturday 2/18 if rain)

All games 3:30 p.m. except possible Saturday game at 1:30 p.m.

ACCAL GIRLS SOCCER

OPENING ROUND - Tuesday 2/14 (Wednesday 2/15 if rain)

No. 6 De Anza (5-4-1) at No. 3 Piedmont (6-2-1)
No. 5 El Cerrito (5-3-4) at No. 4 Skyline (6-3-1)

SEMIFINAL - Thursday 2/16 (Friday 2/17 if rain)
No. 1 Bishop O'Dowd (9-0-0) plays winner of El Cerrito-Skyline

No. 2 Alameda (8-2-0) plays winner of De Anza-Piedmont

CHAMPIONSHIP - Friday 2/17 (Saturday 2/18 if rain)

All games 3:30 p.m. except possible Saturday game at 1:30 p.m.

Wheels on the court: Not a game for sissies

Crisp passes flying through a maze of arms, creates a fast break.

Two players push their hardest to get down the floor and one of them bangs into the other as her wheelchair flips over and the player goes down hard.

This is women's wheelchair basketball, a serious sport and not a game for sissies.

The Bay Area Meteorites, an all-women wheelchair basketball team, played host to a two-day tournament at Haas Pavilion on the Mills College campus.

The Meteorites and teams from Los Angeles and Irvine are playing for a spot at the Women's Wheelchair Basketball Nationals to be held in Albuquerque later this year and

some of the players are looking toward the 1996 Olympics.

The team is one of nine all-women wheelchair basketball teams in the United States.

Wheelchair basketball consists of all disabled players who play on a highly competitive level that has to be seen to be believed.

The scores are not as high as most games for able-bodied players, but the intensity and level of play is as high if not higher than their non-wheeled counterparts.

In this tournament L.A. Sunrise was the overall winner, going 4-0 over the two-day stint, while the Meteorites placed second at 2-2, while the Irvine Lasers were winless.

The Meteorites lost by 34 points to Sunrise in a tournament in L.A.

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Meteorite coach Helen Carol talks to her team during timeout.

Jeff Lindquist

Yellowjacket girls clinch BVAL's premier spot

By Peter Mentor

They've got the tall team and the short team, the fast shooting team and the even faster defensive team.

There are 12 players who can all score six points in a game or a few players who could pick up 20-plus points per game.

Berkeley High has one of the best teams ever in girls' basketball this season and it is by far the deepest team coach Gene Nakamura has ever coached.

That includes the two teams he took to the Division I State Championship, teams that had all-star players but couldn't substitute just anyone off the bench and not see a dropoff.

This year Nakamura doesn't have the all-stars, but in most games he plays all 12 players and

there is not weak link in Berkeley's team chain.

"Yes, in other years I've had the superstars maybe eight deep and then it would drop off," said Nakamura. "This year it doesn't drop off. Every one of them has come out and played an outstanding game during the season."

Berkeley has already clinched the Bay Valley Athletic League title this season after beating Pittsburg 58-49 Friday night, taking the league crown back from Carondelet after a one-year stay in Concord.

The Yellowjackets have a nearly perfect record this season, going 10-0 in the BVAL and 23-1 overall heading into this week with games Wednesday against Pinole Valley and Friday at Monte Vista to finish the regular season.

Berkeley's only loss was a de-

bacle against De Anza in the third game of the preseason in the first week of December.

Nakamura said his team played poorly for a while and when shooting it seemed there was a lid on the basket.

The Jackets came back to beat El Cerrito by only two points in the next game and the Gauchos are in a rebuilding year.

Berkeley went on to beat highly-rated Amador Valley by one point and that began a number of wins over teams that all have 17 or more wins this season.

There have been some close calls and gut-wrenching comebacks with at least six games going down to the wire including the finals of the St. Ignatius tournament when Jenny DeBellis hit a last-second 3-pointer to win it.

So far no team has managed to

get a true line on Berkeley because from game to game and quarter to quarter the Jacket lineup changes.

DeBellis and Tiffany Green start as guards.

Nakamura can take out Green and put in one of the Brewer twins (Raquel or Michelle) while DeBellis moves to point guard to bolster the defense and pick up the offense or he can put in both twins to make the defense even faster and harder to beat.

The key here is most teams have only five or six top players and after that a dropoff occurs. Berkeley can go to any of its players in a set rotation and the level of play remains the same with maybe a different emphasis on defense or offense.

That gives Berkeley the ability to play all out at all times to wear

out these other teams, which will be even more important on the bigger courts should they reach the NorCal playoffs.

At the beginning of the season there was speculation on which team would win the league.

Berkeley had as great record of wins in the league (Nakamura came into this season at 62-6 in the BVAL), but the Jackets were filled with sophomores and juniors with only five seniors.

One sophomore who was having trouble with her size was 6-2 center Shavaki Jackson, who struggled for a while before finding her niche.

Jackson has come on strong in the latter half of the season. She started in the last six games and has become a dominant player on the boards and under the basket as

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four games that week his team played Richmond and that was the last of the four games.

He said during a normal week Piedmont would have given Richmond a better game. Piedmont got in all its games and the only loss was against Richmond.

Richmond, the defending North Coast champions, did not play Encinal (1-6-2) and that easy win would have given them the regular season title.

No. 3 KENNEDY (8-2-0) was the surprise team of the season and placed third in league with 16 points.

Kennedy coach Harry Campbell, in his first year coaching soccer, said his team of mostly sophomores and freshmen is talented but not physically mature, hinting the team would be even better next year.

"We came out of nowhere," said Campbell. "If we go to the playoffs we'll be sitting fat."

No. 4 BISHOP O'DOWD (6-0-3) was also unde-

fated, but the Dragons had three ties and did not play three games and they finished fourth.

No. 5 EL CERRITO (5-3-4) got a big road victory Monday afternoon by beating Encinal 2-0 in goals by Javier Castillo and Joe Ursini.

The win put the Gauchos into fifth place and El Cerrito was scheduled to face Bishop O'Dowd Tuesday. El Cerrito lost 3-2 to O'Dowd during the season by scoring two goals late in the game and this was hoping to be a good rematch for both teams.

No. 6 ST. JOSEPH (5-3-1) was the sixth and

final team to make the playoffs with 11 ahead of Albany and St. Mary's. Kennedy home field advantage for the first round gave it to the Pilots.

The rest of the league in order of Albany (4-5-1) and St. Mary's (3-3-1) points, but the Cougars getting the edge in the head-to-head matchup win.

Salesian (4-7-0) in ninth, Alameda (3-10), Encinal (1-6-2) 11th and Berean Christian getting no points.

Jackets

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like De La Salle.

"We felt we could play a real structured team, play fast and beat them," said Berkeley coach Jesse Gossett. "We know we can beat teams who played similarly (to De La Salle). Bishop O'Dowd and St. Joseph are quite similar to De La Salle and Monte Vista." Out of that post-game meeting the Berkeley players were determined to win the league title and make the NCS playoffs in March.

The Jackets took a giant step toward reaching those goals by beating De La Salle 75-59 on the road in the rematch on last day in January.

Even with that win and consecutive victories over Liberty, and Antioch, Berkeley still needed a miracle of some sorts to catch De La Salle in the league

standings.

The Jackets got that heavenly gift Friday when Monte Vista used an 18-0 run to come from behind and beat De La Salle 44-41 in Danville and the Mustangs handed the Spartans their second league loss of the season.

On that same night Berkeley was in a dogfight at home against Pittsburg. In that game Berkeley was up by one point after one quarter and down by one point at the half, then the Jackets had a 23-15 swing in the third quarter to go ahead 59-52 heading into the final quarter.

Pittsburg went on a 23-13 run of its own in the fourth quarter and it looked like Berkeley's dream would vanish, but in the last two minutes of play the Jackets scored nine unanswered points to win the game 81-75 and keep the post-season hopes alive.

"We came back to beat Antioch and came back to beat Pittsburg, who just played a sensational game," said Gossett. "My hat goes off to the kids." Doug Gutierrez had the hot hand all night, scoring a game-high 26 points against Pittsburg, and the Berkeley junior guard was instrumental on the defensive press along with junior teammate Byron Vincent in shutting down the Mustang offense at the end of the game.

Vincent kicked in 14 points on offense and Jacket junior Alfa Yansane scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds in this crucial victory for Berkeley.

Berkeley had two games this week to finish the regular season, the first on the road Tuesday at Pinole Valley (4-5 BVAL, 12-10 overall) and then the BVAL season finale at home against Monte Vista (6-3 BVAL, 12-11 overall).

Berkeley has a bye on February 21. Salle and Monte Vista plays their final.

The season could come down to a place and with no league playoff it could go to the league tie-breaking system to determine who goes on to North Coast as the league champion.

BVAL commissioner John Nules said he would be broken first on head-to-head competition with common league opponents from the top 10 in a lottery that was picked at the beginning of the year for this very purpose.

Berkeley has a better overall record than North Coast, but they would like to be league champion for the better NCS see

Basketball

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a defender.

Jackson scored a triple double against Pittsburg, scoring 10 points, grabbing 12 rebounds and notching 10 blocked shots. In the Antioch game she scored 13 points and had 15 rebounds while blocking eight shots.

"She's really come on for us as of late," said assistant coach Chris Hope.

"She could barely shoot at the beginning of the season. She has taken a lot of pressure off Maruwa

(Ngumezi) rebounding the ball."

The Berkeley coaching staff had asked Ngumezi why her rebounding stats had dropped off and she explained that the ball does not come down to her level anymore because Jackson is snatching it up high.

"The ball never gets that low because of Shawaki," said Hope of Jackson.

"She's really come in and stepped in and helped. She's a great weak side rebounder, plus she can run the floor."

Berkeley is looking at a possible bye in the first round of the North Coast Section Division I playoffs, which would put the Jackets directly into the NCS semifinals and one win away from a NorCal appearance.

The top two NCS teams (read: semifinal winners) get automatic NorCal berths in Division I only.

Analy of Sebastopol (20-4) is shaping up as the No. 2 NCS seed, with Bishop O'Dowd (18-5), Pittsburg (17-6), Santa Rosa (14-10), Antioch and James Logan the other qualifiers for North Coast,

which may have only seven teams apiece.

Should Berkeley make it to NorCal, the Jackets are eyeing Monta Vista, Sonoma Prep, Nevada Union, Union City, Skyline International Studies, Balboa or Lowell Francisco as the other NorCal contenders.

Berkeley feels it can play with any of them and if the Jackets can outrun the opposition's depth it could bring this team to the Division I State Championship title.

Wheels

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earlier this year, but in both games last weekend, the Bay Area team not only improved but had two good chances of winning those games.

In the first game of the Mills tournament, the Meteorites led by four points early in the second half, but Sunrise used an 18-4 run to win the game, 40-30.

In their next game, the Meteorites led for most of the contest, but once more L.A. pulled it out, 40-36. "We ended up losing it in the last five minutes," said Meteorite coach Helen Carol of the final game. "We've been working on stopping their fast break, plus using double screens for shots."

Class system defines players

Players are rated on a class system from 1 to 3, with Class 3 players having the least amount of disability. These players utilize crutches or a walker. Class 1 including some quadriplegics who often have the least amount of balance.

However, that term quadriplegic is rather broad as some "quads" are capable of pushing a wheel-

chair at a fast rate, passing a basketball and getting in position to block other players.

Teams of five have to mix up the class level on the floor and can have no greater than 12 points when the class levels of each player are added together.

For example, a team may put out three Class 3 players and one player each from Class 2 and Class 1 for a total of 12.

This makes the strategy different from the standard game because some players have only one arm that is strong enough to catch, pass and shoot, while others are quite mobile and can stretch and bend their bodies.

"We are all at the same height and the passing has to be just right," said Meteorite player Kathy Black. "You have to know who you are passing to. You can't pass to the weak side of the body to Sun (Chan), because she can only use one hand to reach the ball."

Black, known as K.B., is a phenomenal player. She has played for eight years and knows the players' strengths and weaknesses.

She is one of the most mobile players and is rated

Class 3 on the national level and 4.5, the top class on the international level. She never uses a wheelchair until playing basketball.

"I was pretty uncoordinated in a wheelchair," said Black, who played on an international team in England. "I learned after a while. You can't move sideways. You can't get out of things. You are never as fast as someone without the ball. Generally the best thing is to get open without the ball."

She scored 22 points in the opening game against the Sunrise and had a tournament-high 28 points in a 48-16 win over Irvine.

Alma Torres was the star for L.A. Sunrise, scoring 18 against the Meteorites in the first game and 25 in the win over the Meteorites.

Torres has a spin move that any player would envy. She gets momentum going in her chair and uses one hand to spin it around and set up a quick shot in the lane or a pass. She can push with one hand and bounce the ball with the other and stop on a dime.

Adrianna Olivera, another Meteorite player out of Oakland, has played internationally, but these

players with high skills sometimes have trouble seeing court time on the international level, depending on how they are rated.

Torres is on the U.S. Women's team and is going to play in the 1996 Pan American games in Atlanta. Mills College athlete and former basketball coach Helen Carol is coaching the team for the first time.

This is a learning experience for Carol, who has the chance to see a unique brand of basketball and is sure to show a few moves most people have seen.

The Meteorites started playing at Mills College ago and the school has adopted them, giving uniforms, a space to play and now coaching.

"I work on positioning, rebounding, catching the tempo of the game," said Carol. "Then I roll with the chair and trap each other."

The games can get scary, such as when a player falls flat on her back and hits her head on the floor, it is all part of the game. Most just play on.

Meet the Meteorites: 12 women, teens to 40s, who know their game

The Bay Area Meteorites are one of nine all-women wheelchair basketball teams in the United States.

Sherry Hamano, an Oakland resident, is in her second year with the team and has seen it more than double from five to 12 players.

Hamano said players have a variety of disabilities, including post-polio, amputee, spinal cord injuries and cerebral palsy.

"I'm walking on crutches most of the time," said Hamano. "I used to be strapped in, but now I have more reach (for) shooting. Some of the players have been in wheelchairs all their lives."

Hamano, who is post-polio and doesn't use a wheelchair outside of basketball, said most people never thought of her as disabled growing up since she was able to do most anything. She said she didn't really play sports and she stayed away from other disabled people.

"I never did any sports or anything like that," she said. "Growing up disabled, I was a very independent person. I never hung out with disabled people. Now I water ski and play wheelchair basketball. These are my friends. I feel I've gone full circle."

Hamano is a Class 2 basketball

player, putting her in the mid-range of the more-abled Class 3 players and the less-abled Class 1 players.

Rules require that a team must have players of all classes although the disability class does not always match up with the ability of a player because experience goes a long way in this sport.

The Meteorites have Kathy Black, Diane Johnson, Elena Van Lou, Vanessa Siegel and Kathryn McMillan in the Class 3 range, while Hamano, Ann McGlynn and Adrianna Olivera are Class 2 play-

ers and Sun Chan is the lone Class 1 player.

Chan has a bright smile that never leaves and a hook shot for both passing and shooting. Black is the shooter, scoring more than half the team points in most games and Olivera is the other hot shooter.

The Bay Area team has players of all ages, ranging from 17 to mid-40s.

"It's kind of a sport with no age limit," said Hamano.

Johnson is the elder stateswoman and leading rebounder.

She is also one of a handful of tennis players who are nationally certified to instruct wheelchair tennis.

Rules of the game Carol has been in contact with the team since it came to Mills College and called it home, but this is the first year she has coached it and the first year the team has had a coach.

As a former coach Carol knew the basics of basketball, but she had to learn the intricacies of wheelchair hoops.

Players get two pushes before they have to dribble and there is a

five-second rule about holding the ball. The ball is vulnerable sitting in a player's lap and passes have to be made with other player's weaknesses in mind. Fouls are a little different and crashes with tipped chairs usually stop play.

Community support

In Hamano's case the sport tends to draw support from her neighbors.

Skyline High football coach John Beam was at Mills with his daughter to help score as was Peter Slapar (father of O'Dowd and

Skyline athletes) and who helped out with drivers to the airport and other aspects of the game.

The team often plays in able-bodied persons money as the Meteorites collect \$3,000 in against Bay Area music.

The Meteorites do the same at schools for the disabled. Anyone interested in the Meteorites or again raising money, can call the Outreach Recreation (BORP) in Berkeley.

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Don't Eat the Furniture

The marriage of furniture and pet supplies may seem like an odd one, but at Don't Eat the Furniture on Piedmont Avenue, it works like a charm.

You know you're in for something different before you even enter Rose Nied's new store. The armchair in the window display is completely studded with glass shrapnel that even the hardiest dog or cat would have trouble



Nap time for Lulu

digesting.

Once inside, Lulu enters the picture. She's a 7-month-old briard, a type of French hunting dog, who's only half grown and already hip-high. She's also Don't Eat the Furniture's official greeter and (occasional) goosier.

Piedmont Avenue shoppers are devouring Rose Nied's "distressed look" furniture — "I can hardly keep enough in stock," she says. The hand-painted, one-of-a-kind pieces are made in Indonesia. The painting lends them an antique appearance, and prices are reasonable — a Queen Anne-style hutch is \$575; an elegant French leg table sells for \$185. Lulu's favorite — an iron shell bed — sells for \$1,400.

For pets, there's a full line of food, including Wysong, organic dog and cat food which can be tailored to pets on special diets. There's plenty of toys and dog treats (paddy wack and pig's ears) and "for the cat that has everything,"

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East Bay Events This Week



'Geni(us)': a clown travels through time

■ Berkeley Rep turns itself into a comedy club for a night of stand-up comedy by Geoff Hoyle.

By Don McConnell

Geni(us), Geoff Hoyle's nearly one-man show at the Berkeley Rep, is basically an evening of stand-up comedy. As the house manager is careful to explain as you come in the door, it's one act of about 100 minutes—and that is both the best and the worst of it.

Stage

The best in that, however you react to Hoyle's style of comedy, the evening isn't long enough to be much of a burden. The worst in that *Geni(us)* isn't really a play—either in the sense of a collaboration of actors or in the sense of a theater piece with development or structure; it's a single comedy act of the kind you can see in any comedy club or at virtually any hour of the day or night on cable's Comedy Channel.

So it all boils down to whether you like Geoff Hoyle's act. Much of the audience did. During the first 45 minutes or so, in which Hoyle holds the stage alone, about half the audience couldn't get enough of him, filling the house with the sort of shrieks and belly laughs that comics must dream of.

The reactions calmed down quite a bit about the time that Sharon Lockwood joined Hoyle, though I suspect that that was because the audience was tired of laughing aloud, not because they were less amused. I suspect this because I thought things got good just as Lockwood arrived.

(However, a colleague who saw the play another evening loved the first half and thought the second half was less funny.)

The program includes a semi-scholarly piece on the history of clowning in the Bay Area, a history culminating in Hoyle. That's one way of saying that his style of stand-up relies heavily on funny faces and body wiggles. It's a style that seemed too funny for words when *Monty Python* intro-



A genie (Sharon Lockwood) transports the anxious Geoff Hoyle back to Victorian England, where he relives an incarnation as a magician who can't even escape from a sack. Ken Friedman

duced it to American mass audiences in the 1970s (Hoyle, too, is English) but it petered out in popularity in the hands of successors like Benny Hill.

Hoyle is far better at it than Hill or most of the *Python* crew. What overwhelmed me was the lack of originality of his material (my colleague insists the word I'm looking for is "timeless"). The subject is aging, and we get routines about receding hairlines along with the appearance of unwanted body hair, about the indignity of medical tests, about cardiac arrhythmias and anxiety.

The low point for me was when Hoyle brought out a mockup of a heart monitor, attached the clips to himself and approached members of the audience. His heart rate slowed when he approached a man, speeded up when he approached a lady, and went into arrest when he thought about Bill Clinton. Wow.

Finally, though, he says the

magic words by accident, and Lockwood shows up as a sort of punk genie loaded down with futuristic technology (a wrist fax machine, for instance) and the ability to answer three questions.

Columnist Martin Snapp (Feb. 9) praised Claire Danes (while apologizing for the cliché) as an actor who can read the phone directory and make you cry. Lockwood could read it and make you cry with laughter. Her earlier Rep appearances (as the stem spinster in *Triumph of Love* and as the self-centered governor's wife in *Caucasian Chalk Circle*) are two of my favorite memories of the theater, like a crazed take-off on Judith Anderson.

Geni(us) gives her less to work with, but she sure made me laugh, as did, finally, Hoyle. The genie ("think of me as the Estee Lauder of your spiritual makeup") takes Hoyle back in history to relive some of his earlier incarnations, in order to answer his demand that

she explain how he's supposed to survive middle-age anxiety.

Together they visit ancient Rome (where Hoyle is so incompetent a gladiator that he makes the crowds laugh), a Victorian music hall (where his inability to work magic tricks captivates another audience) and finally a medieval dungeon (where he dances with a skeleton).

Eventually it becomes obvious that the time travel is just a means of setting up skits; no premise is developed; no philosophical question is answered. (I'm not even sure I remember the question right; it's never referred to again.)

But the time-travel device successfully adds variety to the act, and the very simple special effects are well done. Indeed, the time travel sequences—realized with the help of a series of tiny, sparkling space ships floating through swirls of mist or, later, out over the audience—were entranc-

See HOYLE on page 15

Festival of African-American music

Dimension Dance Theater has assembled a festival of African-American culture. It begins at 6 p.m. Saturday with crafts booths in the lobby of the Scottish Rite Center. At 8 p.m. saxophonist John Handy, the dance troupe Housin' Authority, a cappella singing group Street Sounds and actor Winston Williams join the Dimension Dance Theater drummers and dancers in a show that follows African music and dance as they evolve into jazz, spirituals, blues, soul and hip hop.

Tickets are \$15 (\$13 seniors/students, \$10 family rate); call 762-2626. The center is at 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland.

Guitar and soprano at Giorgi

Soprano Nanette McGuinness and guitarist Richard Flores perform the music of Britten, Argento, Villa-Lobos, Rodrigo, De Falla and others at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Giorgi Gallery Concert Hall. The hall is at 11 Claremont Ave. (at Ashby), Berkeley. Tickets are \$7.50, which includes a glass of wine. Call 849-4967 for reservations.

Mary Stallings sings at Maybeck

Mary Stallings appears with the Dick Whittington Trio this Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Maybeck Hall. Whittington writes, "Mary is simply one of the greatest jazz singers of any time." The Maybeck is at 1537 26th Ave., Berkeley. Admission is \$10. Call 848-3228.

Magnes Museum marks Iwo Jima

Fifty years ago, following the battle of Iwo Jima that began Feb. 19, 1945, a Jewish chaplain, Capt. Roland Gittelsohn, dedicated the Fifth Marine Division cemetery there.

In Sunday, the Magnes Museum commemorates the 50th anniversary of that event, and the soloists who gave their lives in the battle, with a reception and photo exhibit. Rabbi Gittelsohn will be present at the event, which is from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Kitka performs with Ensemble Alcatraz

The early music group Ensemble Alcatraz joins Eastern European women's vocal group Kitka in a concert that presents the specialties of groups in an uninterrupted flow of music (no applause, no program). Kitka is a most unusual experience—exotic and haunting. The concert is at 8 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 2619 Broadway, Oakland. Tickets are \$10 to \$16; 444-0323.



Scott Ammon

How many ways can you fix chicken soup?

THE CHICKEN SOUP BOOK by Janet Hazen, Drawings by Lilla Rogers (Chronicle Books, \$14.95)

By Barbara L. Sloane

If we had a regular food section in this newspaper, this book would never have reached my desk. But we don't and it did, much to my delight.

What more welcome thought during the seemingly endless days of rainy, gray skies we've been experiencing lately than that of a delicious, aromatic bowl of rich chicken soup.

But an entire cookbook devoted to chicken soup? The idea is not nearly as bizarre as it may appear on the surface because, as Janet Hazen says in her introduction: "As an antidote for colds and flu, depression, bad report cards, upset stomachs, cramps, political unrest, allergies, bronchitis, arthritis and hangnails, a bowl of steaming hot chicken soup is cherished in most every part of the world."

So Hazen presents her collection of "Old and New Recipes from Around the World," as the subtitle indicates. Hazen, who resides in Oakland, is a cookbook author and restaurant critic whose articles have appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers. In the past she has written books about the vegetarian table, sandwiches, garlic, mustard and juices. Just as Janet's Juice Book promised relief from summer's heat, so The Chicken Soup Book guarantees us succor in the gloomy midwinter.

Included in The Chicken Soup Book are over 50 international recipes, arranged according to their geographic location. So we find sections on North, Central and South America; Asia and the South Pacific; Africa and the Caribbean; India and the Middle East; the Mediterranean; and

Northern Europe, Russia and the Adriatic.

But Hazen doesn't just plunge into her exotic offerings. First she starts with the principles of making chicken soup. Because chicken stock is the base for practically all of the soups in the collection, the author offers advice on purchasing, storing and cooking chicken. She even suggests how to cut chicken meat and faces up to the ugly task of what to do with chicken fat. (No secret here; she doesn't dispose of it but uses it for making a roux or for sauteeing vegetables or for adding to cooked grains and beans.)

With the preliminaries out of the way, Hazen provides two basic recipes, one for a strong chicken stock and one for a light stock. As you might guess, she prefers the homemade variety to canned chicken broth but acknowledges the usefulness of a high-quality, low-sodium canned product.

The many soup recipes which comprise the book's content are as varied as the countries in which they originated. The ingredients tell the tale in most cases. Where would you expect to find paprika, caraway seeds, bacon, tomatoes, potatoes and pasta, except in a Hungarian Chicken Goulash?

Greek Avgolemono soup is probably so familiar to many Americans that we are brought to a stop when we realize—yes—that is a soup with a chicken stock base. In the Middle Eastern soups, cracked wheat, coriander, cumin and spinach appear in several variations.

Titles alone hint at the anticipated ingredients for many of the soups: Mexican Chicken Chili Pepper-Tortilla Soup, Danish Cream of Chicken and Mushroom Soup (yum), Persian Chicken and Yellow Split Pea Soup with Mint, Puerto Rican Chicken-Rice Soup

with Peppers, Chinese Chicken-Won Ton Soup, German Chicken and Cabbage Soup with Garlic Sausage, and Tahitian Chicken-Papaya Soup.

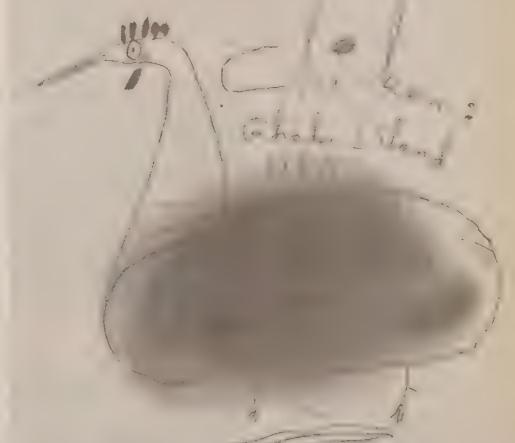
As is apparent from some of the titles above, many of these soups are quite adequate as one-dish meals. Frequently Hazen suggests an appropriate bread or salad as accompaniment to the soup. She also gives tips on locating more unusual ingredients such as plantains, hearts of palm and the five different varieties of mushrooms called for in a Russian chicken soup recipe. However, given the Bay Area's incredible wealth of ethnic groceries, acquiring the necessary ingredients for most of these soups should be much easier than in many parts of the country.

Throughout The Chicken Soup Book, illustrator Lilla Rogers has

scattered her colorful, playful line drawings, representing everything from a sprig of oregano to a plump brown poulet.

In case you're wondering how Hazen covers the diversity of the regional North American cuisines, four recipes are presented: Louisiana Chicken Gumbo, New England Chicken and Bacon Soup, Tex-Mex Smoked Chicken and Chili Pepper Soup, and what Hazen calls a classic recipe for "Jewish penicillin," Chicken Soup with Matzo Balls.

Thumbing through Hazen's book and imagining the tantalizing smells and savory tastes leads a reader to accept her statement that chicken soup is clearly a universal cure-all. Or, as she writes, "If in fact 'Jewish penicillin' doesn't solve life's most stubborn problems, it at least relieves many of the symptoms."



Lilla Rogers' whimsical drawings illustrate Janet Hazen's 'The Chicken Soup Book.'

■ East Bay Events continued

Violetta (Jillian Khuner) and Alfredo (Jorge Gomez)

Berkeley Opera opens 1995 season with 'La Traviata'

Berkeley Opera opens its 1995 season next week with eight performances of Verdi's tearjerker 'La Traviata,' the story of the courtesan with a heart of gold who gives up her lover to protect his reputation. Performances are 8 p.m. Feb. 17, 18, 24 and 25; at 7 p.m. Feb. 19; at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and 23; and at 2 p.m. Feb. 26. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for children/students). On Feb. 17, 18 and 25, an optional dinner is offered at 6:15 p.m. at \$25 more. All performances are at the Hillsdale Club, 2286 Cedar St., Berkeley. Call 444-8575 for reservations.

Upcoming productions. The rest of the company's season consists of concert performances of Berlioz' 'Beatrice and Benedict' (March 24 to April 1) and Dvorak's 'Rusalka' (May 12 to 14) and a fully staged version of Donizetti's 'Elixir of Love' (July 14 to 30). A season subscription is available at 21 percent less than individual tickets. Call 841-1903 to buy one.

Bay Area Black Comedy Competition

The ninth Bay Area Black Comedy Competition takes place at 8 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday at the Calvin Simmons Theatre, 10 10th St., Oakland. (The finals are March 17 at the Paramount.) Entrants come from across the nation, and this year members of other urban minority groups have been invited. Mainly "clean, network-approvable material" will be featured. Tickets are \$18 each day, or \$40 for a three-day pass. Call 762-BASS.

Black perspective on film

The Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame presents a two-day festival "The Actress and the Female Director" at 7 p.m. tomorrow and 2 p.m. Saturday. Tomorrow's program is a screening of the *The Wilma Rudolph Story* with an appearance by its director, Shirley Jo Finney. Saturday's program includes screenings of *Beyond the Agenda*, with an appearance by its creator, Laini Dakar; and *Alma's Rainbow*. On Sunday at 2 p.m., film historian Albert Johnson hosts "Pioneer Musicals," with film clips featuring Fayard Nicholas and Chester Whitmore. All three programs are at the Oakland Museum's James Moore Theatre, 1000 Oak St., Oakland. Call 465-0804 for more details.

'Philadelphia Story' at Altarena

The Altarena Playhouse is presenting Phillip Barry's *Philadelphia Story* at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through March 18 (with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, March 5). Tickets are \$9 (\$6 seniors/students). Call 523-1553. The theater is at 1409 High St., Alameda.

Cinderella goes international

The Children's Theatre Workshop presents a production of *Cinderella* that incorporates versions of the tale from around the world—Plum Blossom (China), Vasilisa (Russia), Broken Wing (North American Micmac tribe) and the European Cinderella all take part. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday the next two weekends (i.e., Feb. 17-19, 24-26) at the Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St., Oakland. Tickets are \$10 (\$8 seniors/students, \$7 children under 12), plus \$3 per order. Call 846-5400 for details.

Arthur Miller's 'Crucible' at Cal

The UC-Berkeley Department of Dramatic Arts presents Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, about the Salem witch trials, beginning next Thursday (Feb. 23) and ending March 5, with performances at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Zellerbach Playhouse (located at the west end of Zellerbach Hall) on the UC campus. Christopher Herold directs. Tickets are \$8 (\$4 seniors/students, \$6 UC faculty and staff). Call 642-9988.

Suisseki Society appreciates stones

The California Suisseki Society (suisseki is the Japanese art of stone appreciation) presents a show and sale of stones, dais, stands, trays and books from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Garden Center in Oakland's Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Ave. Admission is free. Call 525-4837.

'Miami Rhapsody' doesn't ring true

■ The film's semi-happy ending bears out nothing that has gone before.

By Basil De Pinto

The state of matrimony is in considerable disarray according to current statistics and David Frankel, who wrote and directed *Miami Rhapsody*. The difference is that the stats tell their story by numbers and Frankel has tried to do it as comedy. The stats are a more reliable guide.

Movies

Ungenerous critics have dismissed the movie as a Woody Allen wannabe. But aside from the Jewish cast of characters and a few recognizable voice inflections, the comparison definitely limps.

To adapt an old political saw, I have seen Woody Allen, and believe me, Mr. Frankel, you are no Woody Allen.

Gwyn (Sarah Jessica Parker) has been living with Matt (Gil Bellows) for almost two years, and he suddenly pops the question. A prosperous yuppie couple, they seem to have everything going for them, and setting a date for the wedding seems just around the corner.

But just at this point Gwyn discovers that all is not well between her parents. Vic (Paul Mazursky) rightly suspects that Nina (Mia Farrow) is having an affair.

On a shopping excursion Gwyn ferrets the truth out of Nina, that she is involved with Antonio (Antonio Banderas). Reeling from this shocker Gwyn discovers that Vic in turn is involved with his travel agent, Zelda (Kelly Bishop).

Gwyn comes apart, but this is only the beginning. The marriages of her brother Jordan (Kevin Pollak) and sister Leslie (Carla Gug-



Gwyn (Sarah Jessica Parker) doubts her own relationship when she discovers her mother is having an affair with Antonio (Antonio Banderas), in 'Miami Rhapsody.'

ino) are also on the rocks. With devastation all around her, Gwyn questions what lasting fidelity and commitment can possibly mean, and she breaks up with Matt.

After this the movie ambles on rather listlessly for a while until the final scene, when she confides in a therapist that despite the whole mess, she has some hope that things will turn out all right. Those are not quite the final lines of the script, but that is the message that is sent.

The trouble with this ending is that it contradicts everything that has gone before. Frankel wants to have it both ways. He excoriates these shallow, bed-hopping people and all but pillories them for their inability to be faithful to anyone or anything.

Marriage is hopeless as a vehicle for trust and mutual support, but everybody does it, so hop on, for a while at least. But maybe, in spite of everything, there is room for an intimacy that is permanently fulfilling.

What would be the basis for that conclusion? It amounts to a completely gratuitous affirmation that can't convince anyone, given the premises of the previous two hours.

Frankel not only has no sympathy for the people he is portraying but sets them up so that we

can't feel much for them either. Gwyn is a mid- to late-20s woman, successful as an advertising copywriter. How could she not perceive something was awry in her parents' marriage?

Matt shows a total devotion to her, and she seems to appreciate his many sterling qualities. Why does she vacillate so much in responding to him, and finally drive him away? What is wrong with this woman?

Nothing in Frankel's script tells us. There is no plot, leading from a beginning to an end. The episodic sequence of "scenes from a life" explain nothing and just stop with Gwyn's rather pallid hope that it will all work out for her. As we well know, wishing won't make it so.

There is not much in the way of characterization; in a sense, Frankel's direction is thus quite faithful to his script. Given this minimal coherence, the actors do a decent job, for the most part.

Kevin Pollak gives a hint of his successful off-screen stand-up comedy persona. Banderas is still waiting for a decent English-speaking role. Maybe he should go back to working for Almodovar before Hollywood blanks him out.

In the lead role, Parker adequately conveys Gwyn's confu-

sion and vacuity, but much to draw the good audience.

Not even the glassy Mikey location helps. It's there, but as a backdrop rather than an participant, as is Victoria's recent and far better *Rise*. The old world, in definitely an improved new.

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PET TALK



Veterinarians
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Dr. Karl Waidhofer and Dr. Marliss Geissler

The long-time expression of "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is more true now when it comes to pet health than ever before. Vaccinations, the hallmark of prevention of transmissible diseases for dogs and cats is a very

familiar prevention to most of us. Karl Waidhofer, DVM, and Marliss Geissler, DVM, co-owners of Petfood Store, have always had the philosophy that preventive medicine such as vaccines should be affordable and easily available just as

it has been in human medicine for years.

For puppies and kittens, most vaccines given at 10 to 12 weeks of age followed in 3 weeks with a booster will provide the needed immunity for the 1st year of the puppy's or kitten's life. Of course vaccines can be given at a younger age; however, the immune system in the younger than 12 week puppy or kitten may be too young to respond adequately.

There are many other preventatives of disease and discomfort for our pets. Parasite control is very important such as heartworm, tapeworm, round worm, tick and flea control, to name the most common ones.

These preventatives, as well as the vaccinations, are easily available at Petfood Store Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., when Drs. Geissler and

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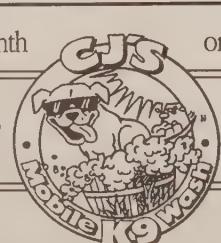


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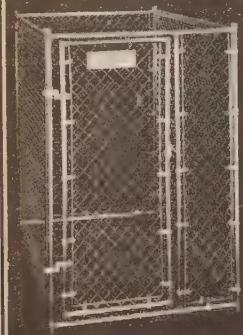
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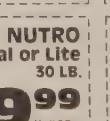
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PET TALK



Photographing Pets Poses Few Problems

They are, according to writer George Eliot, "agreeable bards. They ask no questions, they pass no criticisms." More than that, they're quiet, unassuming and obedient. They're often members of the family. And they make excellent photographic subjects—both entertaining and cooperative. What more could one ask for in a subject than a pet! One of the nicest things about photographing pets is that you don't need a lot of costly equipment to do the job. Even an inexpensive camera will work. In fact, some of the least expensive cameras have taken some of the best pet pictures around. And with today's easy-to-use, point-and-shoot, auto-everything models, you can take top-notch photos of your pets and have them hanging on the wall within days. The key to photographing pets is patience. If you have a manually focusing camera, pre-focus on a particular area. Then coax your pet into that area with a toy or treat. For cats, try pre-focusing your camera on a spool of thread or a ball of yarn. When your cat comes over for a closer look, just snap the shutter. A loud noise is one of the best ways to attract a dog's attention. Just make sure you're pre-focused on him. Then,

when he snaps to attention, take the shot.

And don't forget to include the kids in some of your photos. For the most natural-looking results, sneak up on a child playing with his pet and snap away.

Sound simple? Most definitely. But there are a few more things you can do to get consistently good results.

- Get down! A pet's-eye view is much more interesting than the same shot taken from adult's-eye level. Don't be afraid to kneel down to get just the shot you're after.

- Get close! That's the best way to fill the frame with the subject. Just like people, pets have distinct facial expressions that only a close-up shot can capture. When photographing really small pets such as birds or fish, use a macro lens to get within inches of the subject.

- Get plenty! Really great pet shots don't come along every day. For best results, use plenty of film. Most professional photographers agree that there's a direct relationship between the number of pictures you take and the number of good shots you get. So don't be stingy!

Source: Photo Marketing Association International.



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2. Contact the Doris Day Animal League - Register your participation in this important event by completing the attached form. Ask for our Spay Day USA activity form. Ask for our Spay Day USA activity pack and promote Spay Day USA in your local area.

3. Contact Your Local Veterinarian - Ask him/her to participate in Spay Day USA. Doris Day Animal League has information packs available for veterinarians.

4. Be Politically Active - Ask your congressional representative and senators to cosponsor the "Spay Day USA" resolution. Ask your local and state governmental leaders to pass similar legislative initiatives promoting Spay Day USA. A sample is available in Doris Day Animal League's activity pack.

For information contact: Doris Day Animal League, Suite 100, 227 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002, Phone (202) 546-1761.



Getting cats to pose can be a tricky situation. Spike (left) is definitely not a poser—but Ginger (right) loves the camera!

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Media Notes

BILL MANN**Stop the presses**

Hot off the wire: Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris makes his sitcom debut on ABC's "Hangin' With Mr. Cooper," starring Oakland native Mark Curry on Friday at 9:30 p.m. on Channel 7.

The Story Some Love to Hate: The cover of Atlantic Monthly's new issue proudly proclaims it's "O.J. Free." But the magazine's name may say it all.

There's much more interest in the Simpson trial on our Left Coast (thanks, Rush) than in the East. Public interest in big murder trials is often regionalized; how many here followed the *Claus Von Bulow* case? Still, this lack of interest in the West didn't stop New York-based ABC, CBS and NBC from playing the case up each evening for weeks.

Same deal with the wacko (*Colin Ferguson*) who's currently "defending" himself after apparently having gunned down all those people on a New York commuter train. Not a lot of interest out here.

But then, most of the country doesn't differentiate between Northern and Southern California. (I didn't, either, until I moved to L.A. and quickly fled north in 1975.) So what most Americans are seeing during the trial they associate with our area as well — the car culture, the nose jobs and facelifts, the sizeable we-love-O.J.-no-matter-what culture down there in the Southland. L.A.'s the only place, after all, where the cops will pull you over if one of your speakers goes out. Comic Steve Kravitz' classic line: "Hold a dirty ashtray up to your ear and you can hear L.A."

We can sit here in the Bay Area and smirk knowingly at all these plastic, superficial show-biz/L.A. types and thank God we don't live down there. But we're being negatively stereotyped in most of the country thanks to the TV coverage of the trial.

As for those who eschew

everything related to the case, I can only say this: I also dislike the hype and the tabloidism; I understand completely why some of you find all this so loathsome, and part of me does, too.

But I keep coming back to what commentator Anne Taylor Fleming said last summer about this case on "MacNeil Lehrer": "If the O.J. case creates serious discussion about our idolatry of athletes, about manufactured public images, and about spousal abuse, all the hype is worth it."

She's right. These are all important issues in our society that need discussion. Reasonable men and women can agree there's a lot more going on here than just a famous football player being on trial.

Lists, Franz?: Continuing excerpts from Joe Mullich's funny "Signs That Technology Has Taken Over Your Life."

6. You know Bill Gates' e-mail address, but you have to look up your own Social Security number.

7. You stop saying "phone number" and replace it with "voice number."

8. You sign Christmas cards by putting :-(note to non-techies: that's a cyber happy face) next to your signature.

9. Your wife asks you to pick up minipads at the store — and you return with a new rest for your mouse.

10. You think jokes about being able to program a VCR are stupid.

And at the other cultural extreme, we have...

Another List: Here are few more "White Trash/Redneck" jokes I found on the Internet. You know you're a redneck when...

a) You barbecue Spam

b) You owe a taxidermist more than your annual income.

c) You bought a VCR so you could tape wrestling while you were at work.

d) Your Dad walks you to school because you're both in the same grade.

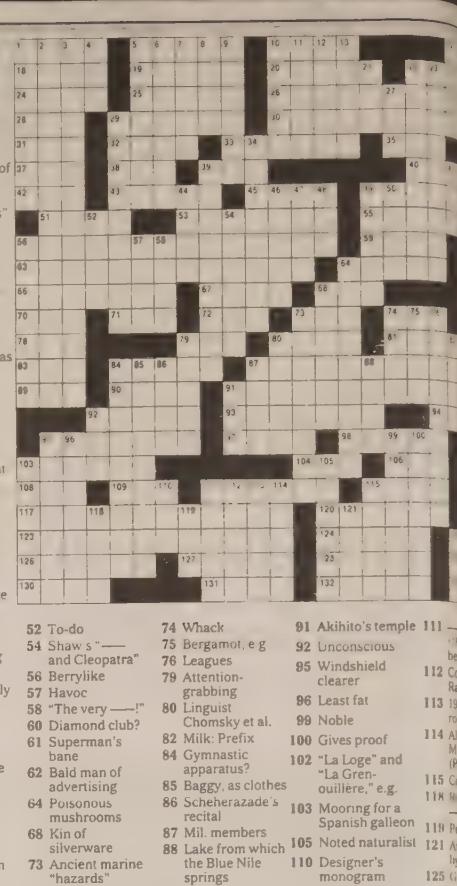
e) You've been fired from a construction job because of your appearance.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: The Wall Street Journal reports that even marketing-driven MTV has a few scruples: That cable channel, which sometimes looks like a home-

shopping outlet ("Getcha official Rolling Stones leather jackets right heah!") has turned down a proposal from a Dutch company to market Beavis and Butt-head milk. (Goes good with Cheetos) ... Still the best MTV line I ever heard (the second best was Will Durst's quip that "MTV's first two syllables say it all") was from comic Steven Pearl.

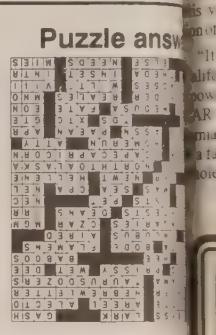
Pearl was in his late 20s when he waxed curmudgeonly: "Why when I was a boy, we didn't have MTV, dammit. We had to go to concerts ... and take drugs!" ... Speaking of the

growing phenomenon of home shopping, the Fingerhut catalogue arrived in the mail this week with this: The *Vanna White Perfect Smile System*. (I am not making this up). Only \$49.99! Includes a videotape, two mouthpieces, a booklet, and a tube of goop. (I'd wager the latter includes a Secret Formula of some kind) ... Also from Fingerhut: The Aunt Bee Mayberry Cookbook (\$14.99). Matronly (there IS no female equivalent of "avuncular," is there?) actress Francis Bavier passed away 15



years ago. Let the poor woman rest in peace, wouldya? By the way, "Mayberry" was a thinly disguised euphemism for series star Andy Griffith's real-life hometown of Mount Airy, N.C. But trivia experts probably already knew that. Also that the CBS show's nearby "Mount Pilot" was the real-life Pilot Mountain, N.C. ...

After losing his column at the Comical, sportswriter Lowell Cohn has signed on at the Santa Rosa Press-Democrat, a N.Y. Times paper where yours truly is TV columnist



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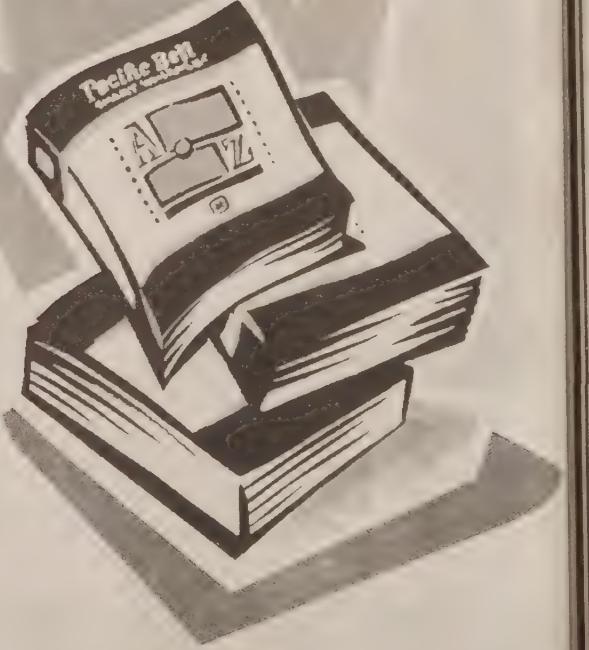
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REAL ESTATE

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Time "on the job" dictates tax write-offs

by Dennis Kamensky

With the passage of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the government dramatically changed the way owning rental property affected your tax situation each year. Before 1987, on rental property, if you had expenses (including depreciation) that were greater than income, that "net loss" would be totally tax deductible, no matter how great it was. Taxpayers who owned many rental properties could virtually wipe out all, if not most, of their tax liabilities each year.

Beginning in 1987, all that changed. Net loss deductions were limited to \$25,000 per year if you were actively involved in the property, and if your adjusted gross income was under \$100,000. If you were a "passive" investor or owner (owning less than 10 percent of the property, or not being

directly involved in its decision making), then you couldn't take any net loss tax deductions until a tax year when you had net gains or capital gains in selling the property.

Also, if your adjusted gross income was greater than \$150,000, you could not take any of these net loss deductions to help lower the rest of your taxable income.

The result of all these changes was to create a very new tax situation called "passive and active loss carryovers." In other words, if you couldn't take the deduction on this year's tax returns, you could carry it over to future years and, hopefully, be able to use it then.

In fact, this limitation changed the whole strategy of owning rental property and investing in limited partnerships (now considered passive investments).

With many of my clients, we

began to develop tax strategies to build up these carryovers in order to eventually sell a property (or two) and not have to pay any capital gains.

Sometimes it even became advantageous not to take the net loss on that year's tax returns, but to save them for a future time when the loss would help to save you more money.

Of course, keeping accurate records becomes an essential part of taking full advantage of all of these carryovers. It's essential to have kept track of every loss carryover, whether passive or active, and be able to document it for future use.

Starting Jan. 1, 1994, a new wrinkle was added to this mix. If you derive the majority of your income from real estate activities and you spend at least 750 hours a year involved with your rental properties, then you can get around

the \$25,000 limitation. You are now able to deduct all your net rental property losses on active investments, no matter how much the loss is, or how high your adjusted gross income is.

Also, you can use past years' carryovers to the extent of your total income. This means those "real estate professionals" can once again use real estate investments to greatly lower or even eliminate all of their taxes. Unfortunately, only a very few taxpayers can qualify to do this. But it does open up the possibilities to some new tax strategies.

Dennis Kamensky is a tax accountant in Oakland. He is the owner of The Tax Pros and author of "Winning On Your Income Taxes," and the computer software program "Hypertax." He will answer your tax questions at 530-6001.



Morgan's castle

Join the Historical Landmark architectural tour of the Berkeley City Club, pictured here in the 1930s, on Sunday, Feb. 26, from noon to 4 p.m. at 2315 Durant Ave. Designed in 1929 by Julia Morgan, it is known as her "little castle." The building includes an indoor swimming pool, grand ballroom and public rooms, whose Mediterranean atmosphere are enhanced with Gothic-style decor. Tour fee is \$2 per person, with children under 12 free. No reservations are required. For more information call the Berkeley City Club, 848-7800.

California's 1994 home sales up by 10.5 percent

California existing home sales climbed 10.5 percent in 1994, reaching the highest full-year sales level in five years and building the foundation for another solid performance this year, the California Association of Realtors (CAR) said recently.

"It's exciting to report that California's housing market made a powerful comeback in 1994," said CAR President Ed Albers. "California home sales increased last year at a faster pace than the nation as a whole for the first time since 1988,"

said Albers, a Sacramento Realtor. "The 10.5 percent jump that we saw in statewide, full-year home sales in 1994 far exceeded the 4.3 percent gain experienced by the U.S. housing market," Albers said.

Among highlights of CAR's 1994 full-year figures:

• Statewide, 482,790 existing, single-family, detached homes closed escrow during 1994, up 10.5 percent from 1993, when 436,780 homes were sold. Sales increased in virtually every region of the state,

with several major regions including Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, Ventura County and Riverside/San Bernardino posting double-digit percentage increases in sales during 1994.

• The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home declined 1.7 percent from \$188,240 in 1993 to \$185,050 in 1994.

• As a result of continued improvements in California's economic fundamentals and consumer

confidence, CAR has revised its forecast for this year's housing market.

Last fall, the association projected a 6.2 percent increase in sales during 1994 to 465,000, and forecast that sales would rise an additional 4.5 percent in 1995 to 486,000.

The full-year 1994 numbers exceeded CAR's projections, climbing 10.5 percent to 482,790. The Association's forecast continues to

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3253 DEERING ST - Cute starter - 2BD in the convenient Fruitvale district. Deep lot with extra garden bldg. Basement storage & 1 car garage.	KEVIN McMULLEN.....\$126,000

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Real Estate Hotline

by Heidi and Jerry Long

Time is right

Q: We are thinking of selling our house this year and we have some flexibility regarding time. Should we try to hurry up and get the house in the market as soon as we can or should we take our time and start offering it after things have really gotten going?

A: Our perception over the last several years is that the demand has been highest right at the start of the selling season. The early spring has brought out the densest concentration of motivated buyers and resulted in the fastest sales for the best prices, with competitively priced properties sometimes bringing multiple offers.

The spring in general is the best time to market your house; the buying season usually lasts well into the summer. Last year, with interest rates so low at the beginning of the year, we saw an especially strong spring. But properties which buyers saw as attractively priced continued to bring in multiple offers all year long.

There is a definite scarcity of inventory in the real estate market these days. There are a lot of properties available in certain areas. But very few houses are available, and even fewer really great houses, in those areas where the most buyers would really like to live.

Obviously, your own needs should be the determining factor as to when you put your house on the market. But if it is really arbitrary, and you could be ready to go sooner rather than later, and moving sooner rather than later would not diminish the quality of your life, then we think you would do best for your-

selves putting your house up for sale as soon as you can.

Above all don't dawdle along until the late summer. There was a discernible drop in prices and the time things took to sell last year from the spring to the late summer. This was partly due to interest rates beginning to creep up, but more due to the normal flow of the year. We can see buyers beginning to come out of hibernation now that spring is in the air. It looks like it will be another strong selling season this year. Call your real estate agent now and get going.

Q: How can we figure out the best price to ask for our house if we decide to sell this year?

A: In order to arrive at the best estimate of the value of your house you need to do what appraisers do, compare your house to similar houses that have recently sold in your neighborhood. When you've decided on a real estate agent (which you will have done based on the dedication, service and success rate which that agent will bring to your situation, not on the basis of that agent having promised to get you the highest price for your house) have your agent draw out recent comparable sales from the multiple listing service. Then sit down with her or him and talk things over.

In some areas, where houses are very much alike, with perhaps three or four models to choose from, and only lot size and orientation towards the sun or the view being the major variables, this process is pretty cut and dried. If a three- or four-bedroom model A house across

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Local landlord adopts Industry Standards Program

By Dennis Evanovsky

Tim McCoy of McCoy Properties became Oakland's first owner-participant in the California Apartment Association's (CAA) new Industry Standards Program. McCoy was welcomed into the program by CAA Executive Vice President Thomas K. Bannon at the Apartment House Association of Northern Alameda County's January meeting.

The CAA established the Industry Standards Program to offer tenants better places to live, and to improve owner-tenant relationships. The three-part program contains standards for participating apartment house owners, a resident bill of rights, and requirements governing the physical appearance of apartment buildings.

The first part of the program, the owners' standards, recommends careful screening of all

potential residents and the use of a written rental agreement. The owners must also inform renters of State and local health and safety laws, as well as their own policies and procedures.

Second, the CAA's *Resident Bill of Rights* is the key from the tenant's point of view. The right to be treated fairly and equitably is the most important of these rights.

Third, participating apartment owners are expected to maintain the exteriors of their properties to meet or exceed CAA standards. The CAA will inspect buildings belonging to Industry Standards Program participants annually.

"My commitment to this program will improve relationships with my customers," McCoy told his fellow association members as he accepted the "Symbol of Quality" logo he will display on his properties. The logo shows the

equal housing symbol, as well as a silhouette of the State of California and two matching buildings.

After successful experiments in Sacramento and Fairfield, the CAA is encouraging its 24 local member organizations to participate in the Industry Standards Program.

California has five million renter-occupied units, representing 41 percent of the state's total housing stock. Participation by all 25,000 CAA members could bring 1.5 million of these units into the program.

One of the standards calls for developing crime-abatement programs. Owners and residents would voluntarily form home alert groups, taking the pressure off local police. During the pilot program, apartment owners in Fairfield met with police, resulting in the expulsion of drug deal-

ers from five apartment complexes.

Advertising explains the goals of the program will inform the general public to sell these participating properties.

"We hope that all members of our industry view the CAA's standards as a step toward safe and friendly communities," Bannon told his audience at the January meeting.

"Laws can be passed, voluntary efforts by each of us can create the quality of living environment we desire," he concluded.

To learn more about the Industry Standards Program, contact the program administrator, Margaret Garrison, at 893-9384.

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Sales

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project a 4.5 percent increase in sales during 1995, but to a revised, higher sales level of \$504,500.

Given price stabilization and slight increases which have started to occur in some regions, CAR also has revised its 1995 forecast for the statewide median price. Last fall, the Association forecast a 1 percent increase in the statewide, single-family median home price during 1995. Under the revised forecast, the statewide median price is projected to increase 1.5 percent in 1995 to \$187,830. The median price in 1994 was \$185,500.

"Some analysts are predicting that the overall U.S. housing market will slow this year, but many signs are pointing toward continued growth in California home sales in 1995," said Leslie Appleton-Young, CAR's vice president of research and economics.

"The California economy is turn-

ing the corner — jobs are growing, incomes have started to increase, and consumer confidence is rising," Appleton-Young said. "All of these factors, coupled with a more tranquil interest rate environment on the horizon, add up to year two of the California housing recovery in 1995," Appleton-Young said.

The level of unsold detached homes declined during 1994 because of a decline in listings and an increase in sales. CAR's Unsold Inventory Index, which measures the number of months it would take to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the 1994 sales rate, declined from 11.8 months in 1993 to 9.2 months in 1994.

Closed-escrow sales of existing condominiums climbed 18.3 percent in 1994, compared with the 1993 level. The statewide median condo price increased 0.5 percent from \$144,380 in 1993 to \$145,040 in 1994.

The condominium Unsold Inventory Index declined due to a drop in listings and an increase in sales. The Index was 12.4 months in 1994, down from 15.3 months in 1993.

Mortgage interest rates increased during 1994 from the year before, but remained at historically favorable levels. The average fixed mortgage rate, for example, averaged substantially less in 1994 than it did during every year of the 1980s.

Fixed-rate mortgages averaged 8.37 percent during all of 1994, up from an average of 7.32 percent in 1993, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable-rate mortgages averaged 5.35 percent last year, compared with an average of 4.58 percent in 1993.

The increase in mortgage interest rates last year led to a decline in

CAR's Affordability Index.

Thirty-eight percent of California households could afford to purchase the median-priced attached home at the end of 1994, down from 42 percent at the end of 1993.

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Oakland. Level lot. Exc. area! Seller may carry.\$129,000

Hotline

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 The street recently sold for a certain amount, then your three- or four-bedroom model. A house will probably sell for more or less the same amount, unless the house across the street is down in a flood plane and yours is up on the ridge top with a spectacular view of the bay, or some other equally drastic difference.

The problem in comparing houses here in the East Bay is that they are so different. Most neighborhoods have been established for long enough that the houses have been built over a long period of time, to different standards and sizes. Then developers have come along and torn down beautiful craftsman houses and built totally functional apartment houses on many blocks, even in most of the older neighborhoods. And many of the old houses have been remodeled, as often to their detriment as well. As a result, comparing houses to determine value takes hard work and unmitting realism.

Certain factors have no bearing on the value of your house. One of these factors is how much you paid for it. If you bought in 1990 or 1991 and paid top dollar, you will probably lose money if you sell now. If you have a compelling reason to sell, the fewer tears over split milk, the more you concentrate on the

positive aspects of getting on with your lives, the happier you'll be.

Another factor which has no bearing on the value of your house is how much money you need to accomplish the phase you would like to move onto next, be it buying the bigger house, moving to Europe, going back to school, or whatever. The value of your house is based on the market, not on your particular circumstances.

You can have confidence that the market will teach you the right price for your house eventually. The actual worth of your house is the amount that you are willing to take and someone else is willing to give.

So you have to do the best you can to compare your house with the best data available. Then you have to throw in a good dash of common sense. If the market seems to be getting better, then take a chance on a higher price. If you really need to move somewhere, then price your house to sell quickly. Here in the East Bay the process is more of an art than a science. But thousands of people live through it every year, so you can be sure you will too.

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By Buzz Bertolero

Q: We have a yellow rose bush that is bravely surviving but not doing a good job of it. Our red rose bush seems to grow as a big round ball. Is it too late to prune roses? Also, what is the white powdery substance that grows on the buds and stems? What type of care and fertilizing would you recommend?

A: It's not too late to prune roses, even if the new growth is present. First you should strip off and discard the old foliage from last year, remove any dead, spindly, and criss-crossing canes and reduce the height by 50 percent. Select an outside bud and cut on a 30-45 degree angle to prevent any stem rot.

During the growing season, remove all spent flowers as soon as possible. Roses like to be fed every six weeks, February through October with Rose Guard which will also control aphids, scale, and thrips. The white powdery stuff you mentioned is mildew. Too much shade or overhead watering in late afternoon will cause mildew. It is best controlled with Funginex during the summer months.

Q: We have a problem with continual infestation of tent caterpillars on a large sweetbroom bush. Is there a longer-lasting solution to the problem than continually applying an insecticide, preferably an organic solution?

A: There is an organic insecti-

cide called "Bt." that is very effective against tent caterpillars. Bt. is a bacteria ingested by caterpillars that gives them a fatal case of the stomach flu. It will not harm any mammals or insects other than larva of the butterfly family. It's perfectly safe to use on vegetables.

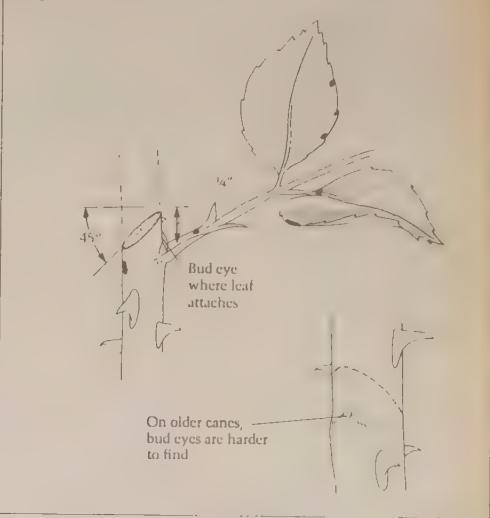
Q: I have a small apple tree. In 1993, I hardly lost any fruit and had 200 perfect apples. This year about half the apples were "bad," lots of rotten spots. When I cut some open, little worms or caterpillars escaped into my kitchen. What did I do wrong?

A: The larva of the codling moth is the worm you see in your apples. The adult moth is present in the spring and in some years in early summer. The moth lays eggs on the maturing apples and then hatches into a worm.

To prevent wormy apples, spray the trees with Diazinon or Sevin after 75 percent of the flower petals have dropped off the tree. Two repeat applications are recommended seven days apart. However, you can reduce unnecessary spraying by setting out codling moth traps as the apple tree comes into bloom. Monitor the traps and when four or five adults are trapped, start the Diazinon treatment.

To prevent an early summer infestation, set out new traps in late June and monitor weekly until August. When four or five adult moth are trapped, reapply the Diazinon.

Angle to Cut



From Ortho Books' "All About Roses"

Q: I am curious about whether gardening can actually be therapeutic. I find it to be a lot of hard work.

A: Gardening is the number one leisure time activity; it provides people an opportunity to get outside and have a change of pace from their normal routine. It allows us to go back to our roots and grow things.

There is no doubt that color on a patio or balcony cheers up the spirit, especially on those down days. The sound of running water in a fountain or pond is very relaxing. So,

yes, gardening is very therapeutic for a lot of different reasons.

Although you find gardening to be hard work, it does have a quantitative payoff in the resale value of your property. Unlike a swimming pool or other upgrades, landscaping returns 100 percent of your investment; it is really worth your effort.

Send your questions to Buzz Bertolero, C.C.N., c/o Hills Newspapers, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland 94611.

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The workshop will be held on Sat., Feb. 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oakland Association of Realtors Auditorium, 1528 Webster St.

The program is co-sponsored by the Oakland Police Department's Beat Health Unit, Oakland Association of Realtors and the Apartment House Association of Northern Alameda County. The cost to attend the training is \$10 and reservations are required.

The four-hour workshop will cover the steps owners and property managers can take to screen out drug dealers and users effectively and legally; make their property unattractive to people who deal and use drugs; and spot the signs of illegal activity on their property and take action to remove it.

The workshops, which began in spring 1993, have been well-attended and popular. Almost 600 owners and managers have been trained to date. The co-sponsors will continue to offer the training as demand warrants.

Call 893-9873 to register.

Kitchen Tour raises money for kids

The Children's Support League's major fund-raising event is its annual Kitchen Tour, scheduled for Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1. Five kitchens located in Piedmont or Oakland are on the tour.

Children's Support League, a volunteer group that raises money for non-profit organizations serv-

ing children, received an anonymous contribution of \$20,000.

"This is a tremendous show of support for CSL and the worthwhile programs for children in need which the group supports," says Piedmont Joan Murphy-Heller, CSL publicity chair.

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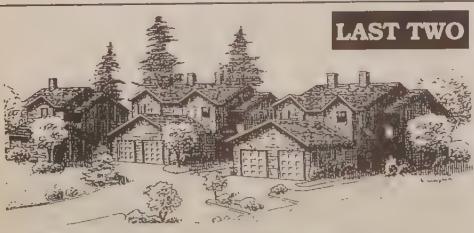
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Earthquake law shakes up real estate comm

Last year, after an obscure amendment to the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone Act was passed by the State of California, a stir occurred in the local real estate community.

The basis for the controversy stemmed from the wording in the amendment to the original act. The new act had a clause that states that if a single-family residence was to be altered by more than 50 percent of its value by renovation, or if the home was destroyed by more than 50 percent by fire, earthquake, or whatever, and the home lay with 50 feet of an active earthquake fault, as measured by a State geologist, then the city or county could deny the homeowner permission to rebuild.

In the City of El Cerrito in particular, the Building Department took this new act quite seriously arguing that if a large earthquake occurred and persons in the home were injured or killed, the city could be held liable for reissuing a building permit.

This is indeed a dilemma. No one wants to be responsible for allowing building in what might be a very dangerous area, however, some very specific and pertinent questions about the existing homeowners' situation were not answered in the Act.

These questions were: 1. Who would compensate the homeowner for the newly identified unbuildable lot? 2. Who would pay taxes on the lot after it was so identified, and 3. Would the homeowner be compensated for relocation costs?

In addition to these unanswered

questions, what was to become of the numerous homes that lie in Special Study Zones in the hills of El Cerrito, Berkeley, Oakland and Richmond once they were identified as being within 50 feet of an active fault?

If a homeowner were to decide to sell at this time, and disclosed this information, as they are required to do by law, what would become of their home's value? A test case occurred in El Cerrito last year when a formerly very expensive home in the hills sold for a substantial loss when the Building Department told the prospective buyer that he might not be able to obtain a building permit in the future because of

the process took about six months, but without this reversal, hundreds of homeowners in this area could have been faced with forced relocation, possibly without any reimbursement from the State, in the event of a large earthquake.

As it stands today, if a homeowner wants to relocate after a major loss, it will be their choice,



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Arnold specializes in residential property and, in the eight years since she received her real estate license, has helped many first-time and move-up buyers find the right home.

To add your name to her Real Estate Information newsletter, call 510-397-1397.



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First stage of remodel is determining budget

You have been living in your house for some time. Ever since you moved in there has been a problem with the layout or the finishes that you have always intended to correct. But as you begin to envision the wonderful new home you would end up with if you remodeled, you get stuck because you have no idea of your budget.

Does this sound familiar?

Or: As you are looking at buying a different home, you see buildings that work for you except for one or more problematic features. You are trying to make a decision about whether to keep on looking for the "perfect home," which you doubt you will ever find, or to buy one of the buildings which you have already seen and remodel it. But you do not know what the different remodeling projects that you feel are necessary to make the house right for

you will cost.

Or: There is a growing list of deferred maintenance items needing attention in your house. Some are the kinds of things you used to take care of yourself before you got so busy.

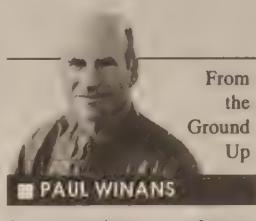
Others are more problematic and you have no idea how to handle getting them resolved. You want to get the work done but you are unsure about how many of the items you can afford to have corrected immediately and which problems require attention right now.

Figuring costs

In all these situations there is a common problem. The budget for the work which is being considered is unknown. How can you responsibly proceed with any of these projects if you do not know the project's cost before you start?

You cannot unless you are in the fortunate position of having more money than you know what to do with and you want to get rid of it quickly and unpredictably. Since most of us are not in that position, what can you do to get a handle on your budget?

There are a couple of questions which you need to answer. First, how much money do you have available to fund the project? You might be one of the few remaining Californians who still has some equity in your home. You have been saving for several years and are prepared to use these funds to improve your home. In looking at selling your home and buying a new house, you are planning to



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have a certain amount of money left after completing the transaction so that you can fund some needed remodeling or repairs on your new home. Write the amount down on a piece of paper.

Second, is it worth it to you to invest this money in the remodeling work? What is important to you, having your home function well in serving your unique needs, or minimizing your investment in your property? How long do you plan to be in your house after the improvement is made? What will the costs look like if amortized over the length of your time in the building enjoying the remodeling work?

Are you simply trying to get the building ready for sale? If so, you will probably want to spend as little as possible so you will not leave money in the property after the sale.

A good person to speak with regarding the value of your property after it is improved in a specific manner is your real estate agent. Now you have some information to add next to the amount of money you have available to fund the project.

Finally, you need to know how

much the work will cost. If you have limited or no experience with remodeling, how can you answer this question? You can't. Who can?

A general contractor who specializes in remodeling can provide you with information regarding costs that you can depend on. How do they do this, coming out to your house and giving you a "ballpark figure"?

This is where the process starts, but it is not a predictable way for you to get the information you need to plan on making what might be one of the biggest investments you will ever make in your life.

Preliminary proposal

If the "off the cuff" numbers you have heard are something which you think you can live with, then you can get more explicit cost information from the general contractor you have confidence in by having them provide you with a preliminary scope and proposal for the work you have been discussing.

Done by a contractor who has experience in seeing the complete scope before you have made a substantial investment in any architectural work, this information can give a solid estimate of what your budget would need to be to do the project about which you have been thinking.

You will want to be working with a contractor who is able to give you the names of some clients to whom he has provided this

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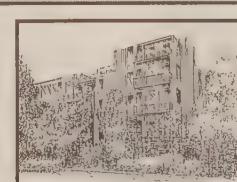
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you will cost.

Or: There is a growing list of deferred maintenance items needing attention in your house. Some are the kinds of things you used to take care of yourself before you got so busy.

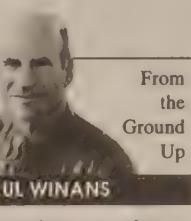
Others are more problematic and you have no idea how to handle getting them resolved. You want to get the work done but you are unsure about how many of the items you can afford to have corrected immediately and which problems require attention right now.

Figuring costs

In all these situations there is a common problem. The budget for the work which is being considered is unknown. How can you responsibly proceed with any of these projects if you do not know the project's cost before you start?

You cannot unless you are in the fortunate position of having more money than you know what to do with and you want to get rid of it quickly and unpredictably. Since most of us are not in that position, what can you do to get a handle on your budget?

There are a couple of questions which you need to answer. First, how much money do you have available to fund the project? You might be one of the few remaining Californians who still has some equity in your home. You have been saving for several years and are prepared to use these funds to improve your home. In looking at selling your home and buying a new house, you are planning to



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have a certain amount of money left after completing the transaction so that you can fund some needed remodeling or repairs on your new home. Write the amount down on a piece of paper.

Second, is it worth it to you to invest this money in the remodeling work? What is important to you, having your home function well in serving your unique needs, or minimizing your investment in your property? How long do you plan to be in your house after the improvement is made? What will the costs look like if amortized over the length of your time in the building enjoying the remodeling work?

Are you simply trying to get the building ready for sale? If so, you will probably want to spend as little as possible so you will not leave money in the property after the sale.

A good person to speak with regarding the value of your property after it is improved in a specific manner is your real estate agent. Now you have some information to add next to the amount of money you have available to fund the project.

Finally, you need to know how

much the work will cost. If you have limited or no experience with remodeling, how can you answer this question? You can't. Who can?

A general contractor who specializes in remodeling can provide you with information regarding costs that you can depend on. How do they do this, coming out to your house and giving you a "ballpark figure"?

This is where the process starts, but it is not a predictable way for you to get the information you need to plan on making what might be one of the biggest investments you will ever make in your life.

Preliminary proposal

If the "off the cuff" numbers you have heard are something which you think you can live with, then you can get more explicit cost information from the general contractor you have confidence in by having them provide you with a preliminary scope and proposal for the work you have been discussing.

Done by a contractor who has experience in seeing the complete scope before you have made a substantial investment in any architectural work, this information can give a solid estimate of what your budget would need to be to do the project about which you have been thinking.

You will want to be working with a contractor who is able to give you the names of some clients to whom he has provided this

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Obituary**Longtime Realtor dies at 94**

William Edwin Wallace, a past president of the Oakland Board of Realtors (1947) and the California Association of Realtors (1949), died in Berkeley on Jan. 30, aged 94.

A native of Salt Lake City, Mr. Wallace received his bachelor of science degree from the University of California, College of Commerce, in 1922.

From 1924 to 1988, Mr. Wallace was a Realtor in Oakland, Orinda and Moraga. During the '20s he and his father worked for Wickham/Havens, one of the best-known realty companies in the area. In 1932, Mr. Wallace moved with his family to Piedmont where all four children attended Piedmont schools.

In 1929, Mr. Wallace and his father left Wickham/Havens and started their own company, Wallace Realtors, at 642 Grand Ave., later home to Berman's Appliances. They subsequently opened a second office at 3665 Grand Ave.

When the Caldecott Tunnel was

completed in 1936, Wallace Realtors became one of the first bi-county brokerage firms with the opening in 1938 of Wallace Realtors at Orinda Crossroads. Another office in Moraga was launched in 1966.

Mr. Wallace's son Clark joined the company in 1958 and the family business operated on both sides of the tunnel until 1966 when the Oakland operation was closed. The business was finally sold in 1988.

Mr. Wallace is survived by his wife, Edith D. Wallace of Orinda, sons Kenneth B. Wallace of Tahoe City, Clark E. Wallace of Orinda, William Keith Wallace of Walnut Creek, and daughter Nancy Claire Houssels of Las Vegas.

Mr. Wallace had six grandchildren — Tia Kratter of Moraga, Marshall Wallace of Greenbrae, Wendy Thomas of Alamo, Kelly Houssels of Las Vegas, Eric Houssels of Las Vegas and Michael Wallace of London — and four great-grandchildren.



William Edwin Wallace

Private services were held at Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or to the Ed Wallace Real Estate Scholarship Fund, c/o Contra Costa Association of Realtors, P.O. Box 5207, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Remodel

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service previously. Talk to these people about how the process unfolded. Be sure your contractor is prepared to build the scope described in his multiple page preliminary proposal for the price stated. All involved acknowledge that if the project moved forward to the planning stage the scope might change and that the price will then change commensurately.

How important is it to you that this preliminary cost information be accurate? What would be the cost to you if you proceeded with your project based on incomplete preliminary cost information? Ask yourself these questions. If you want information you can depend on, you will need to pay your contractor for the service he has provided to you.

Fees for service

One way contractors handle the fees for this service is as follows: If the cost information provided helps you decide to do not do any remodeling, then you pay the contractor for giving you the information you needed to compare to the two budget items you had noted earlier in this process.

If you decide to have the remodeling project built by your

contractor, you pay nothing for the preliminary scope and proposal.

So, it has involved some time and effort on the part of yourself and people you trust to help you generate the following information:

- The amount of money you can bring to the project;
- The amount of money it

"makes sense" to invest in your property;

• The amount of money a competent general contractor thinks is required to build the project.

You are now in position to decide on whether or not to proceed with the project. In comparing and analyzing these three figures, you will be able to set a budget that you can depend on.

This took a lot of hard work on your part. But you are now one step closer to being able to realize your remodeling dreams. What is the next step? I'll tell you in the next column.

Paul Winans, CR, is co-owner of Winans Construction, Inc., an Oakland-based general contracting firm founded in 1978.

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"And nearly three times as many respondents were against the idea — 32 percent — than the 12 percent who said they preferred doing business with restaurants who used recycled paper products. The remaining 54 percent indicated no preference."

"EAA certainly isn't opposed to the use of recycled products," Johnson continued, "but if restaurant chains are trying to use the recycled logo on their wrappers and bags as part of a green image to please their customers, this survey shows it isn't working."

The perception, Johnson believes, may partly be the fault of the environmental activists.

"When you see a picture of heaps of garbage with the battle cry 'recycle-reuse,' you have a tendency to equate the recycled logo with garbage. That's unfortunate, because I know of nothing to indicate any sort of a health hazard using

recycled paper for food wrappers, but the survey don't lie. If I owned a restaurant, I wouldn't hesitate to use recycled paper products, but I would be very careful about having a recycled logo on them."

The Environmental Management Association is the largest recognized certifying authority for Certified Environmental Inspectors and Environmental Specialists. For more information on certification and its certification program, contact them at 833 Evans Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85260, or call (602) 485-8260.

The survey, conducted throughout November and December in all 50 states, margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent. Johnson stated that the remainder of the survey was conducted to assist EAA in its marketing and was released to the general public.

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The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, holds three classes on Saturday, Feb. 18: Faux Finishes: The Art of Decorative Painting, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$95; Remodeling: Avoiding the Pitfalls, 1 - 5 p.m., \$45; and Landscape Watering Design, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$35. Call 525-7610.

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Montclair hills mostly level. Peek of bay. Big lot. JAN NEFF

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Live-in or enjoy as proud investment! Five 2BR's, dining, garages, super rents & tenants! D.C. HODGES

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A Financial Investment Workshop for Women will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Lafayette Park Hotel. Presented by David L. Bach, Dean Witter vice president. Limited to 100 participants. \$10. Proceeds benefit The Volunteers of America. Reservations required. Call Cathy at 891-0551.

Two free seminars on various aspects of a **Living Trust** will be presented on Tuesday, Feb. 21, by Elaine Gill, Attorney-at-Law. Learn how a living trust can avoid probate, inheritance taxes and conservatorship and schedule a free one-hour in-home consultation. Seminars will take place at the Claremont Hotel, Ashby and Domingo, Oakland, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and at the Days Inn, 1603 Powell St., Emeryville, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Glendale Federal Bank presents a free **Home Buying Workshop**, Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. - noon at the Bank, 2420 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda. Co-sponsored by Harbor Bay Realty and North American Title, the workshop will address such issues as financial readiness to buy; how much home

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**Quick sale**

This rustic Montclair hills home, owned by Steve and Kirsten Ritchie, was decorated and embellished with antique fixtures, materials and furnishings by Oakland hills designer Marlene Wharmby (formerly Weill) in preparation for sale. The house was redone in a warm, country-inspired theme in keeping with its original character and style. Listed for sale on February 2, the owners received an offer the same day. Take a tour of 1212 Mountain Blvd. (cross street Broadway Terrace) this Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission charge. For more information on decorating or "staging" your home for sale, call Wharmby at 465-0345.

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30 BECHWOOD DR, CLAREMONT PINES - 4+BD/3+BA...\$695,000
Prestigious location, new construction, 3 terraces. Dee Knowland
8 TAURUS AVENUE, MONTCLAIR - 2+BD/2BA.....\$424,000
New construction, cul-de-sac, dramatic bay view, decks. Francis Heath
5358 HARBOR, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3+BD/2BA.....\$404,000
First open! Gorgeous living/dining rms, fam rm off kit. Wendy Gardner
2 SELKIRK, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$382,500
Gorgeous English, corner lot, privacy, park-like yard. Debi Fitzgerald
25 MASONIC PLACE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3+BD/2BA.....\$379,950
All level living on cul-de-sac, lovely master suite. Joan Daniel
8481 BELLWOOD BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/2BA.....\$369,000
SF/GG views, beautifully updated contemporary, decks. Kirk Phillips
5081 PARKRIDGE DR, PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3+BD/2BA...\$329,000
Charming 2-story Cape Cod, fam rm, level corner lot. Connie Rogers

BY APPOINTMENT

PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN \$739,000
New listing! 5BD/2+BA, architectural detail, 2 extra rooms on main level, walk to Piedmont schools. Helen Danhaki 547-5750
BAY/CANYON VIEW - RIDGEMONT \$439,000
\$350,000 assumable loan! Beautiful views, versatile floor plan, 4BR/3BA, family rm plus huge bonus rm, 3-car gar. Robyn Mohr
CHARMING & VERSATILE - MONTCLAIR \$399,900
Spacious 5BD/4BA home, downstairs area with sep. rear entry. Rumpus w/fpl, lg deck off sunny lanai, 2-car gar. Chuck Conrin
UNSURPASSED 4-BRIDGE VIEW \$369,000
Immac. 4BD/2+BA home surrounded by parklands for max. privacy. Updated kit, family rm, gorgeous garden, deck. Donna Costella
NEW CONTEMPORARY - BERKELEY \$329,000
Light & bright with canyon views from deck. Dramatic living room w/vaulted ceiling. 3BD/3BA, kit/family room combo. Tom Anthony
SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS TOWNSHOUSE \$210,000
Immaculate, all level end unit with SF/2+bridge view. 2BD/2BA, large family rm, new carpet throughout, level yard. Robyn Mohr

LOTS FOR SALE

MONTCLAIR \$259,500
Sensational panoramic views, 4.29 acres. Possibility of 3 building sites. Dee Dee Bonham and Francis Heath
CLAREMONT - BERKELEY \$160,000
Fabulous view, best lot in prestigious neighborhood, next to Parklands. Plans available, Wyn Stephens
UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$130,000
Expansive view from bay to Oakland Hills. Cleared downslope. Plans/survey/permit. Dee and Joe Knowland
MONTCLAIR \$99,000
Level lot in charming area of fine homes near Montclair Village. Helen Danhaki
MONTCLAIR \$89,000
Near Montclair Village, yet not on main street. Approx. 1/3 acre, upslip & level, survey/geo reports avail. Joan E. Haase
CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$55,000
Geo/survey/grading reports. Approved plans for 4BD custom home. Charlene Claybaugh
CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$49,000
Priced to sell! Geo, survey, grading reports. Plans for 2,800 sq. ft. home. Charlene Claybaugh
CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$39,000
Gentle upslip, approx 3400 sq. ft. Motivated! Bring offer! Seller may carry. Charlene Claybaugh

PACIFIC UNION 339-6460 1900 MOUNTAIN BLVD.

When you happen upon the house, be ready

Number 87 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Earlier this month we listed a lovely house in north Berkeley. Built in the '30s, this pretty English cottage is unusually spacious; all the rooms have wonderful light, and the detailing is first rate — beams and arches, wide plank floors, wrought iron sconces, even a copper mail slot.

The more we were in this house, the more we loved it. There is something about houses with rooms that have the right proportions. I don't immediately recognize what about them is so special, then suddenly it comes to me — good proportions! Subtle, perhaps, but strong and lasting, and not all that common.

We've known for many months that we would be listing this house, plenty of time to agonize over the price. Because there are only two bedrooms and the only garden space is in the front of the house, it isn't the house for everyone. Wonderful though it is, it would sell for less than a house with more bedrooms and a larger lot.

We looked at everything in the neighborhood, compared the quality of construction, the detailing, the floor and garden space with "ours." Finally we decided on \$260,000.

With all the fanfare we could arrange, we put the house on the market. Because of the relatively moderate price and the preferred location, we expected lots of agents to come to the open house, and they did — about 110 of them. During that first open, several agents talked

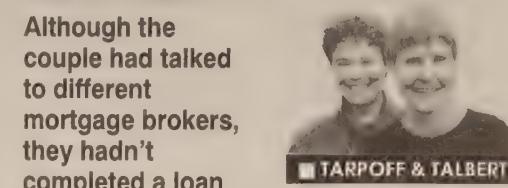
Although the couple had talked to different mortgage brokers, they hadn't completed a loan application, nor had their credit reports been run.

about bringing their clients to see the house or sending them to our Sunday open house. Selling quickly was looking likely.

By the weekend there were five agents talking to us about writing offers. We weren't surprised. It was an unusual opportunity for those wanting to be in north Berkeley, for people who yearn for distinction and quality and who can afford this price but perhaps not more. There are no other houses like it available right now, and there may not be any for a long time.

One of the people who came to the open house on Sunday was a most pleasant man. We spent some time talking to him. He had walked in and fallen instantly in love. The house was exactly what he and his wife had been looking for over the past six months, and he could hardly wait for her to see it.

We told him that we were expecting to hear offers the following day. He was going to have to hurry.



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He hadn't been working with a particular agent, but he said a friend had recommended someone, and he'd give her a call.

He was able to arrange for his wife to see the house with the agent later that day. As he had predicted, his wife loved it, too. They wanted to buy it.

Problem: By this time there were two offers written. The couple would have to move quickly and well. We faxed the agent the disclosures and reports. Sunday night she went over all the information with the couple. They talked about what they could do to make the winning offer.

There wasn't time to do a physical inspection before presenting an offer. If another buyer had already done an inspection, his offer would be decidedly better. Also, although the couple had talked to different mortgage brokers, they hadn't completed a loan application, nor had their credit reports been run. They weren't in a position to prove their ability to get a loan.

After much discussion, they reluctantly decided that they could not write a competitive offer. They could only hope that another house would appear for them, one they

would like as well.

The house did sell. It sold to the buyer who was thoroughly prepared to buy. His good planning provided the seller the best security that the sale would go through quickly and without further ado.

It's too bad the other couple wasn't ready. Why weren't they? It's possible that they didn't expect to find the house of their dreams. Maybe they were discouraged by what they'd seen and thought there wasn't any reason to prepare to quickly leap.

It's also possible, of course, that this man and his wife will find another house they like as well. We hope so. But wouldn't it have been better if they had already lined up an agent? Already made out a loan application — just in case?

Had an agent been looking for them, the man wouldn't have wandered in to see the house for the first time on Sunday. His agent would have had him there three days earlier. This might have allowed time to write an acceptable offer.

Here's our best advice: Search and find an agent who is right for you. Get your loan going. Line up your money. Make inquiries about insurance.

Ready? Good. Now start looking for your house. Things can go very fast once you find it. You're likely to be breathless.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarppoff are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To ask a question or to add your name to their mailing list, call Tarppoff & Talbert Ltd., at 653-2050.

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you can afford; how much downpayment you need; and finding a good real estate agent. Reservations required. Call Ingrid Jonsson at 521-3855.

A Bonsai Plant Sale, Bargain Bazaar, and Live Demonstration is Sunday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Demonstrations by master teachers Ed Murakami, George Fujii and Mitsuo Umehara start at 10:30 a.m. Free. The event is a fund-raiser for Golden State Bonsai Collection North, a planned museum of living trees by California bonsai artists. Call (408) 354-9391.

Hillside Gardeners of Montclair present Geraniums and Pelargoniums, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m. at Montclair Recreation Center, 6300 Moraga Ave., Oakland. Presented by Silvia Musso, owner of Upsprout Nursery in Santa Rosa, who will bring along an array of specimens. Refreshments served at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lunch, tea and coffee provided. Call 339-1404.

Free First-Time Home Buyer Seminars, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and PCR Financial, will be held March 1, March 15 and April 5 at 7 p.m. Learn about first-time home buyer loan programs; talk to a loan consultant about how much it takes to qualify for a home loan. Attendees will also get current information about properties

in their price range credit report. Call 521-3855.

A four-week Real Estate & Financial Seminar begins Saturday, March 4, 2-5 p.m. and continues the following days at 6730 Cuttings Rd., Cerrito. Topics include building your business easily; tips on earning commissions; and how to build your public image and build in yourself. Class size limited. Reservations required. Call 232-7714.

Home Savings of San Francisco sponsors a seminar for first-time home buyers on Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Berkeley Marina Yacht Club, 1000 Berkeley Marina Dr., Berkeley. Speaker will be Hitler, who will present five ways to save money on your home purchase. Reservations required. Call 463-5214.

Le Tip International Organization of independent business people devoted to helping business leads and other members, meets every Saturday at 7:15 a.m. Guster House, 1000 Bay St., San Francisco. Call Steve Scott at 521-3855.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Maggie L. Hiltner, Hills Publications, 5707 Redwood Rd., San Francisco, 94619. Phone: 339-4066. Information received one week prior to publication.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

139 SHERIDAN, Elegant New Const. 4bd, Library, Gardens Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536 MLS 033580	\$895,000
6632 LIGGETT, Pied Side, 2 Legal Homes on Gated 1/2 Acre Lot Owner 339-0687 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5	\$859,000
5981 GIRVIN DR, 4-bd/3b Piedmont Pines, New, Unique Creation Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 339-8400	\$850,000
6089 MAZUELA DR, Montclair Estates, 4+3/4, Pano Views! The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400	\$765,000
5410 FERNHOLLOW, Skyline 4/3/4, 1.06 ac, 2 Pools, 2 Fmrms, Sauna Tablott Co., Margo Brady 482-6080	\$749,000
6035 ESTATES DR, Nw Home, 4bd/3ba, Quality, Privacy!! The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400	\$749,000
30 BEECHWOOD DR, Claremont Pines, New 4+3/4, 3 Terraces Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460	\$695,000
6114 OCEAN VIEW, Rockridge 5/3/4, Splendid w/ SF Views! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, D. Kelley 339-6511	\$569,000
5958 BUENA VISTA, Rockridge 5bd/3ba, New Constr., Views! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Wendy D. Kelley 339-6511	\$569,000
10008 BROADWAY TER, 3+bd/2+ba, Skylights, Atrium, Pano View! Wells & Bennett, Lisa Weil 531-1653 MLS 035939	\$549,000
140 FLORENCE, Upper Rockridge 4/3/4, 1st Open, New Constr. Better Homes, Randa Peterson 339-8400	\$529,000
37 HILLWOOD PL, Crocker 3b/3b Remod Dutch Colonial, Frml Rms The GRUBB Company, John Karney 339-0400	\$499,000
44 STARK KNOLL PL, Beautifully Updated 4/3, Lvl Gdn, Move In The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400	\$499,000
4747 PROCTOR AVE, Upper Rockridge, 4bd/2+ba, Quality, New The GRUBB Company, Sandy Vogl 339-0400	\$489,000
6401 BROOKSIDE, Claremont Pines/New List, 3/3 Country Style Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Jon Dunn 869-4215	\$439,000
4035 BAYO, 3bd/1ba Harbor Bay Realty, Martha 522-4648 OPEN SUNDAY 12-2	\$435,000
8 TAURUS AVE, Montclair New 2+bd/2ba, Cul-de-sac, View Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460	\$424,000
873 ROSEMOUNT RD, Crocker, Large 3bd/3ba with Style!! Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 339-4000	\$419,000
5358 HARBORD, Upper Rockridge 3/2, 1st Open! Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460	\$404,000
834 MANDANA, Crocker Highlands 3/2+1/2 Elegant Trad'l Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202	\$399,000
19 HILLCREST CT, 1st Open, 3/3, Atrium, Library, Pool Facilities Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400	\$398,000
4340 TURNER AVE, Chabot Highlands, Custom 3/3, 1 Acre Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Deonora Pedro 482-0799	\$395,900
11 HAWKS HILL, Hiller Highlands 3/2+, A Must See! View, More!! Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174	\$389,000
31 SPYGLASS HILL, Hiller's Best Detached Unit, 3+2/1, Airy! The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400	\$389,000
2 SELKIRK, Redwood Hts, 3/2+, Corner Lot, Privacy Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460	\$382,500
25 MASONIC PLACE, Upper Rockridge 4/2 on Cul-de-sac Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460	\$379,950
8481 SKYLINE BLVD, Montclair 3/2 Contemp., SF/Gg Vu! Decks Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460	\$369,000
3042 HOLYROOD DR, Elegant Piedmont Pines Trad'l, Pvcy, Style The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400	\$367,000
708 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker Highlands, Sunny 3/3 Trad'l Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174	\$365,000
268 SOMERSET, 4bd/2ba, Fab Views!, Level In, Sunny Better Homes, Nancy Donnelly 339-8400	\$359,000
19 BINNACLE HILL, Hiller 2bd/2ba Twnhse, Many Upgrades, Loft Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174	\$349,500

Montclair 3bd/ 1/2ba, Great Condition/Location!

Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Jim Resor 869-4243	\$349,000
4938 STONERIDGE CT, 3 Bedroom Gadsby & Associates 748-5300, Joe 522-8388 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4	\$345,000
6957 PINEHAVEN, Montclair 3bd/3ba Pvt. Contemp., Poss. In-Law Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dave Johnson 273-9808	\$345,000
39 HEMLOCK LANE, Montclair 3+bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, John Sefton 486-1495	\$345,000
6050 SKYLINE BLVD, Oakland 2bd/2ba Home Red Oak Realty 527-3387	\$339,000
42 CHATSWORTH CT, Piedmont Pines 3+2 Contemp. w/View Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202	\$329,000
5081 PARK RIDGE DR, Charming 2 Story Cape Cod, 3/2, Cor. Lot Pacific Union, Connie Rogers 339-6460	\$329,000
6024 BROADWAY, Upper Rockridge Tudor, 3/2 or 2/1 + Apt Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 036432	\$327,000
308 TAURUS, Montclair 3bd/2ba, Great Open Spaces! Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, A. DaCosta 466-5597	\$320,000
1618 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker Highlands 2/1 English Style, Pvt Yd Coldwell Banker, Diana Hymer 339-1174	\$319,500
12675 BROOKPORT RD, 3bd/2ba All Level, Move In! Park-Like Yd Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460	\$319,000
7 TRUITT LANE, Upper Rockridge, Updated 3/2, Office, Rumpus Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174	\$319,000
5780 MORAGA AVE, Montclair 2+2 Designers Home, Remodeled Better Homes, Tom Nemeth 339-8400	\$319,000
827 MANDANA, Updated Trad'l, New Kitchen, Motivated Seller Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256 MLS 035553	\$310,000
5954-56 CLAREMONT AVE, Rockridge Duplex, 2/2 & 1/1 Upstairs J. T. Ward 845-6022 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	\$299,500
2622 MOUNTAIN GATE WAY, Montclair 3/2/1, Decks, Woodsy Better Homes 339-4000	\$299,500
6407 HEATHER RIDGE WAY, 4bd/2ba, Best of Montclair Better Homes, Alex Bidgoli 376-4898	\$299,500
5809 BROADWAY, Rockridge Trad'l, 3/1, Upgrades, Gardens! Coldwell Banker, Donna DeBardi 339-1174	\$299,000
2016 MANZANITA, 3/2 Spacious Contemporary, Secluded, Decks Coldwell Banker, N. Dickey/A. Giacomelli 339-1174	\$299,000
5878-80 CHABOT RD, Rockridge, 2 Flats, Off Street Parking J. T. Ward 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	\$295,000
255 CAPRICORN, Montclair 3/2, Bright, Renovated, Garden patio Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460	\$289,500
1015 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker 3b/1+b, Garden w/pspa, Charming Mason-McDuffie 482-0900, Roxie Hills 869-2303	\$289,000
3626 LAKESHORE, Crocker 4bd/1+b, New Kitchen, Lg Yard! Pacific Union, Wyn Stephens 339-6460	\$285,000
1156 EL CENTRO, Classic Glenview 4bd/1ba Home Mason-McDuffie 428-9900, Cindy Fleming 287-8840	\$285,000
5918 MARDEN LANE, 3/2 Country Retreat, 3/2 plus Separate 1/1 Coldwell Banker, Dell M. Orr 339-1174	\$283,000
2720 CAMINO LENADA, 3bd/2ba New Listing! Wooded Setting The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400	\$280,000
6224 THORNHILL DR, Montclair 3/2 Hide-a-way, Huge Lot! Better Homes, Rachel Baller 339-8400	\$279,000
6015 LASALLE, Montclair 2+1/2 Trad'l, Huge Garden, Walk Shops Better Homes, Steven Blasatti 339-8400	\$279,000
1042 UNDERHILLS RD, Crocker Highlands 3/1, Walk to Bus/Shops Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-8400	\$279,000
3538 KEMPTON WAY, Elegant, Charming 4bd/2ba Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Demetrius Wilson 869-3740	\$275,000
6959 SAYRE DRIVE, Montclair 3/1+, New Paint, Fab Kitchen, Spa Pacific Union, Donna Costello 339-6460	\$269,000
7550 HANSOM, 3bd/2ba, Rumpus Room, South Bay Views Wells & Bennett, Dick Cohen 339-1117	\$269,000

To place a listing in the Open Home Guide, please call 339-4046.

DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

edmont mansion draws on th-century French design

By Dennis Evansky

est Sweetland was an inventor of excellence. His 30 patents — including one for an automobile headlight — brought him wealth. His health allowed him to fulfill his passions. And one of his passions was realized at the mansion he built in Glen Alpine in Piedmont.

Sweetland arrived in the Bay Area in 1928. At that time, he was president of the Oliver-United Oil Company. The merger of the Company with the United States Company made Sweetland

hired the architect Fredrick Reimers to design a home for him. Based on a tradition known as Arts — from L'Ecole des Arts in Paris — Reimers chose French Norman design. From 15th-century France, the design, with its carefully fitted bathstone walls, is the visitor of the century in Henry V of England defeated at Agincourt.

The bay window, which frames the entryway's gable, is reminiscent of Joan of Arc's time when she delivered Orleans from the English army.

Leaded glass windows, in stone tracery, bring to mind the ascendancy of the French King when the French King restored local rule to the duc de Berry.

Land needed no helmeted mounted on horseback to mount the estate whose jewel con-

tained a hint of a chapel to the one side and the separate kitchen to the other.

His flag would not be raised or lowered above the massive gabled roof announcing his presence or absence as was the custom of that late-medieval period.

No lodgekeeper would bow to greet the visitor making entry into the grand hallway. None of these 15th-century traditions would be necessary in 20th-century Piedmont.

Reimers does demonstrate the tradition of designing this manor as a home. After passing through magnificently hand-carved entryway doors, the 40-foot-high ceilings in the gold-leaved domed vestibule invite the visitor's gaze upwards.

Footsteps reverberate in rooms yet to be experienced as one enters the 60-foot-long hallway. The hall was considered to be one of the more important parts of the manor, for it is here that the visitor receives first impressions. Reimers designed a 60-foot-long hallway not only to impress, but to form a setting for greeting the Sweetland family's many visitors.

The hallway itself could be used to entertain guests, or the family could accompany them to the 40-foot-long living room to enjoy the warmth of the fireplace.

More intimate guests might be invited into the oak-paneled library with its terracotta marble fireplace, or the family could grant an invitation to the morning room, with coffee beckoning through hand-carved



Ernest Sweetland hired Fredrick Reimers to design his home on Glen Alpine in the French Beaux Arts tradition.

doors as the Gothic-arched windows hint of the sumptuous gardens outside.

Eating in an octagon-shaped dining room, the Sweetlands' dinner guests enjoyed their food spiced with a view of the estate complete with gardens, a pool with a pool house, and gazebo. The wine served with dinner once rested on mahogany racks in the family's 1,200-

barrel-capacity wine cellar.

The Sweetlands would be pleased to see the modern kitchen in which the cook prepares dinner today. Tiled from its floor to the domed ceiling, the kitchen features ovens and stoves, freezers and refrigerators, an office, a butler's pantry, and a pastry pantry.

Cooks once prepared food for larger gatherings in a commercial

kitchen on the lower level. Parties were held in the grand ballroom on this level. Complete with its own theatrical stage and lighting system, this ballroom was the site for the entertaining required of families like the Sweetlands.

This level also housed Sweetland's "invention room." Here he may have perfected the automobile oil filter, worked on his patent for

the electric-eye door opener, or reminisced about earlier patents, such as the Sweetland cast warmer.

The beauty of the spiral staircase leading upward is punctuated by the leaded glass and the stone tracery of a two-story window. The grandeur of this glass prepares one for the wonder of the mansion's

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ANDOLPH AVE, 3+bd/2ba, Great Potential, Needs Work Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000	\$175,000	1629 DWIGHT WAY, Berkeley 3bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495	\$225,000	3 CROYDON CIRCLE, 4/3 on Quiet Cul-de-Sac, Views! Templeton Company, Jan Fouger 654-1280 X138	\$599,000
AMDEN, Maxwell Park 3/2 w/View, Kitchen w/Skylight Bennett, Kate Phillips 530-8211	\$173,000	1602 JAYNES, 2bd/1ba Berkeley Home Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495	\$219,500	343 MAGNOLIA AVE, 4/3 Elegance/Style! New Kit/Level to Ter. The GRUBB Company, Marcia Nebel 339-0400	\$598,500
ADELINE ST, Laurel 1/2 Bungalow, Charmer, Great Value James, Vickie Chan Case 339-8400	\$173,000	1422 HEARST AVE, Charming 2/1 Trad'l, Sep. Artist Studio Better Homes 339-4000	\$219,000	252 RAMONA, 5bd/3ba Piedmont Home, Warm, Level-In Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rose Jellison 655-4965	\$579,000
ANGE #4, Unique Twinhome w/Sep. Entrance, 2bd, 2 plus Rm Bennett 531-7000	\$169,000	1336 NEILSON, Westbrae 3+bd/2ba, Great Neighborhood! Mason-McDuffie, Henriette Green 834-2010	\$215,000	314 PACIFIC AVE, Charming 2+bd/2b Hideaway, Garden, Views Coldwell Banker, Nancy S. Welk 339-1174	\$549,000
AXWELL, Maxwell Park 2/bd/1b, Spacious Rms, Home Ofc Healy 769-1606 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	\$164,000	1301 LA LOMA AVE, Former RE Office, 3800 SF Lot, Priced to Sell \$159,000 Equity Property Mgmt 295-1827 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	\$159,000	74 SANDRINGHAM RD, 3bd/2ba, Bay Views, Level Out to Garden The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400	\$489,000
BOSALL, Maxwell Park 2/1, Country Kitchen, Hill View McDufie 339-8888, Dolly Henson 466-5761	\$162,000	1308 RUSSELL ST, 3bd/2ba, 2 Story Stucco w/Legal In-Law Mason-McDuffie, Lisa Friedman 834-2010	\$152,500	77 MANOR DRIVE, 3+bd/2b, Updated Kitchen, New Furnace/Roof Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174	\$425,000
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3427 Catalina Ave. - \$193,000
1810 Central Ave. #204 - \$150,000
2854 Encinal Ave. - \$207,000
2710 Fernside Blvd. - \$125,000
218 Haight Ave. - \$199,000
1042 Jost Lane - \$197,000
1818 Moreland Dr. - \$232,500
48 Ratto Rd. - \$356,000
1051 Rosewood Way - \$352,000
2218 San Jose Ave. - \$232,000
342 Santa Clara Ave. - \$320,000
1443 St. Charles St. - \$193,000

ALBANY

1014 Talbot Ave. - \$295,000
1035 Ventura Ave. - \$285,000

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1467 10th St. - \$164,000
2626 College Ave. - \$225,000
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2749 Arlington Blvd. - \$172,000
6871 Glen Mawr Ave. - \$229,000
1539 Kearny St. - \$175,000
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1126 Richmond St. - \$171,000
1220 Richmond St. - \$150,000

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7866 Arthur St. - \$114,000
9 Bay Forest Pl. - \$125,000
50 Bowles Pl. - \$412,500
12940 Brookpark Rd. - \$287,500
5665 Cabot Dr. - \$330,000
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TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$382,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$236,900

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$295,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$290,000

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: \$119,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$395,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$235,750

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$130,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$229,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$171,166

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$155,000

EMERYVILLE

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PRICE: \$79,000

OAKLAND

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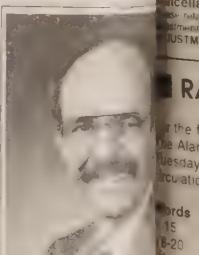
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HAIRSTYLIST/ NEEDED for boat rental. \$400 monthly. 1412 Encinal Ave, Alameda. Call Angel 521-9100

HAIRSTYLIST/ Assistant/ Receptionist. Busy salon, located main strip, Alameda. Self motivated person. Apply in person: Tono & Co., 1403 Park St.

ANGEL'S Leasing only, one stylist, one manicurist, 12 operator salon, Oakland Hills. Contact Kity 531-0252

HAIRSTYLISTS/ ASSISTANT Needed

Booth Rental available, Salon 2004, Alameda, (510) 510-521-2004

405 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 545-5627

HOLISTIC cooking in your home. Will cook and prepare fresh meal for busy professionals. References. Reasonable rates. Send replies to: Box D, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland, 94611.

ORGANIZED, detail oriented administrative assistant/ receptionist/ office coordinator wants part-time. WP 60, Yardi, Quicken, Claire 444-7979

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

AFTER school help, shop, cook, laundry, 6-9 hours weekly. Berkeley Drive boys 10 and 15. Insured car. Joan 841-2942

WEEKEND Caregiver/ Housekeeper for teenage girl and disabled mother, fluent English, drive, legal, organized, energetic, live-out, references, North Berkeley. (415) 789-8512

COMPANION/ Aide/ Attendant, live-in, mature, kind, strong references/ resume, experience with elderly helpful, non-smoking. 658-6508

CAREGIVER for 2 year old boy, Monday-Thursday 11:30-5, Fridays 9-5 (11-5 negotiable). Car required. Open to share with same age boy. Prefer care in our home near El Cerrito Del Norte BART. Non-smoker, speak English, have experience with toddler boys. 233-5643

CHILD CARE worker for boy age 7 near Claremont Hotel. Pick-up from school or activities, 3:30-6:30 pm. Wednesday to Friday, \$80 hr. Non-smoking, car, insurance, CDL, references required (510) 841-0650

CHILD CARE/ house help. Full-time, live-in, 2 children, girl 9, boy 5. CDL, non-smoking, English speaking, references required. Minimum 1 year commitment. Piedmont 652-1024

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\$595 **UPPER PIEDMONT AVE.** 9th floor, 1 bedroom, fresh carpet and paint, quiet unit building, garden courtyard. Call 531-8696

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\$565 421 STATION 1 bedroom, 1 block north of Lake. Quiet building, good natural light, fresh paint, carpet, parking, laundry. Call 891-0469.

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CHECK THIS DEAL OUT 1 bedroom. Quiet And well kept \$600 WOULD YOU IN. Attentive manager. Near BART bus lines. Walk to supermarket and Lake Merritt. Call Wendy 893-2637.

625ARGE, sunny 1 bedroom. Elegant design. Garage, elevator, quiet and spacious. 839-9934

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625 TWO each 1 bedroom, quiet, Lake area, carpeted, garage. No pets 530-0109

625 ONE Bedroom in Excellent Condition, to Lake. Transportation. Move-In Special 861-1106

625 FIRST ONE BEDROOM VALUE in near Lake Merritt, garage available. Rent 44-276, 482-0636

625 FIRST HALF MONTH FREE rent, charming, quiet, hardwoods, large over BART. 44-3614.

625 NEAR Piedmont, 1 bedroom and studio. Move-In \$500. 612 Mariposa Ave. 451-6086

625 1 Bedroom Small price for Fresh, courtyard Apartment. Move-In Special 451-7274

625 GRAND Lake 1 bedroom, hardwood, tile kitchen, good storage. Laundry, cable 839-7353

625 DNA Hill 1 bedroom in charming older many windows. Great closets. All PG&E house ok. Affordable move-in 44030

625 MUREL District on Maybelle. Quiet 1 bed, deck, dishwasher, gas range, parking. 535-9990

625 SHOEDOLE large 1 bedroom, older well-built building, near Piedmont Ave., hardwoods. Spacious, sunny, spotless. Must see!

625 OVER Piedmont District. Spacious, sunny, 1st balcony, laundry, spotless. Must see!

625 TWO THUMBS UP ! Residents of the St. Croix Apartments 1151 1 bedrooms with HUGE closets swimming performances from your real-estate. Four (4) star service. Includes directly. Call now to reserve a ticket. \$650 GTOU in 451-7274

1920's CHARM 617th Ave Large 1 bedroom, lots of natural decorative fireplace, walk-in closets. Call 531-6969

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625 1 Bedroom. Top Floor. Cozy, Small Quiet Location. Near Grand Ave.

HALF OFF FIRST MONTH Rent, hardwoods, parking, laundry. Grand 839-1960.

625 NEIGHBORHOOD Diamond area, close to shops. No 839-9033

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625 ROED Building, separate entry, remodeling, garden, parking. 315 Park View 832-4762

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This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 28, 1994.
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-196

The Name of the Business:
Diallo Home Service, 3751 Deer Trail Drive,
Danville, CA 94506.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Kenneth J. Klescawski, 3751 Deer Trail Drive,
Danville, CA 94506.

Anna J. Kamieduksi, 3751 Deer Trail Drive,
Danville, CA 94506.

This business is conducted by individuals-Husband and Wife.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 10, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-502

The Name of the Business:
U.S. International Trading Co., 1330 N. Broadway,
Suite 212, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
William H. Polaise, 2557 Stone Valley Rd.,
Danville, CA 94526.

Bethley H. Smith, 4155 Kaski Ct., Concord, CA
94519.

Frank W. Smith, 245 Tamarisk Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 27, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-600

The Name of the Business:
Information Network, 214 Twinbridge Cr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523, P.O. Box 6051, Concord, CA 94524.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Margaret E. Wade, 214 Twinbridge Cr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 30, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-495

The Name of the Businesses:
1) Any Road Press, 2) In Sight Productions, 190 El Cerrito Plaza, Suite 204, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Are hereby registered by the following Owner:
Sally I. Kearney, 1138C Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 24, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-056

The Name of the Business:
Quick Tax Service, 1542 Kearny St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Bay Financial Management Inc., 1542 Kearny St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 4, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-183

The Name of the Business:
Green Grocer, 190 El Cerrito Plaza, Suite 340, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
David William Connell, 212 Stanford Ave., Kensington, CA 94708.

Carolyn Kay Connell, 212 Stanford Ave., Kensington, CA 94708.

This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 10, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0035

The Name of the Business:
World-Fu Company, 3767 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Chiu-Hung Huang, 3767 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA 94583.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 3, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-590

The Name of the Business:
T-Axis & Company, 2355 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Thomas Lee Alexander, 2355 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 30, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0005

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World-Fu Company, 3767 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
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This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 3, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0045

The Name of the Business:
T-Axis & Company, 2355 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Thomas Lee Alexander, 2355 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 30, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0045

The Name of the Business:
Studio D, 1375 Chaney Rd., P.O. Box 817, Alameda, CA 94507.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Donna Uhni, 1375 Chaney Rd., Alamo, CA 94507.

Debra Martin, 94 El Molino Dr., Clayton, CA 94517.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 4, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0314

The Name of the Business:
Diamond Beauty Supply, 206 San Pablo Towne Cr., San Pablo, CA 94806.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Hanh (Christina) T.T. Vu, 1908 Broadway, Apt. #1, San Pablo, CA 94806.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 17, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 90-6246

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Diamond Beauty Supply, Hair Nail Salon, 206 San Pablo Towne Cr., San Pablo, CA 94806.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Contra Costa on October 26, 1990.

Chiu-Du Vu, 112 Ash Ct., Hercules, CA 94547.

This business was conducted by Individuals (husband and wife).

Signed: Ngoc Thi Luu.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 17, 1995.

Publish The Journal, February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0497

The Name of the Business:
National Business Associates, 3930 Pridmore Ct., Concord, CA 94521-2630.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Geri Alan Shaw, 3930 Pridmore Ct., Concord, CA 94521-2630.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 24, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0401

The Name of the Business:
Networking Solutions, 840 30th Street, Richmond, CA 94804.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
John R. Nystrom Jr., 840 30th Street, Richmond, CA 94804.

Donna Nystrom, 840 30th Street, Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 19, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0294

The Name of the Business:
Diver's Paradise, 2977 Yerocin Valley Road #104, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Steven V. Merenkov, 568 Fireside Ct., Walnut

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Creek, CA 94598.
Theresa M. Merenkov, 568 Fireside Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

The business is conducted by individuals-Husband and Wife.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0324

The Name of the Business:
L.U. Exports, 402-4 Olympus St., Hercules, CA 94545.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Lester Urbina, 402-4 Olympus St., Hercules, CA 94545.

Sandra Urbina, 402-4 Olympus St., Hercules, CA 94545.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-196

The Name of the Business:
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-196

The Name of the Business:
Bravo Graphics, 55 Via Robles, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Carmen B. Reggiani, 55 Via Robles, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-319

The Name of the Business:
AMC Financial Services, 15 Tyson Court, El Sobrante, CA 94803.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Angela M. Costa, 15 Tyson Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94803.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 12, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-257

The Name of the Business:
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-646

The Name of the Business:
The Healing Center, 3559 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549. Mailing address: P.O. Box 6742, Moraga, CA 94570.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Thomas R. Dwyer, 3559 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-768

The Name of the Business:
E&M Services, 2533-A Lucy Ln., Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Elvie Awad, 2533-A Lucy Ln., Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 6, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-768

The Name of the Business:
Pars Investment, a California corporation, 1403 Solano Ave., Albany, CA 94706.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Robert Karaglis, 1403 Solano Ave., Albany, CA 94706.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

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Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
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This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 6, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-768

The Name of the Business:
MAGIC GARLIC RESTAURANT CORP., a California corporation, 2910 N. Main St., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Is hereby registered by the transferor:
Lucas Cafe & Deli, 301 Kearny St., San Francisco, CA 94108.

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The place and the date on or after which the lease is to be consummated are: Law Office of Robert R. Dwyer, 3559 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549.

The bulk transfer is not subject to Section 6106.2 of the Commercial Code. This is subject to Section 24074 of the Business & Professions Code.

Effective February 9, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-768

The Name of the Business:
DODGE, 1401 Walnut Street, #1D, Berkeley, CA 94707.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Melvin Lemberger & Associates, Inc., California Creative Resources Management Inc., California.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 17, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-768

The Name of the Business:
TAP Glass Service, 5614 Central Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Teresa Ann Phillips, 3208 Van Fleet Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 15, 1995.

The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-399

The Name of the Business:
The Full Moon Company, 4403 Sweetbird Court, Concord, CA 94521.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Donald Paul Roddy, Jr., 4403 Sweetbird Court, Concord, CA 94521.

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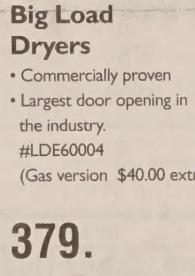
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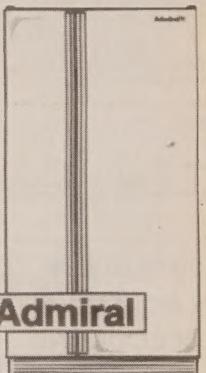
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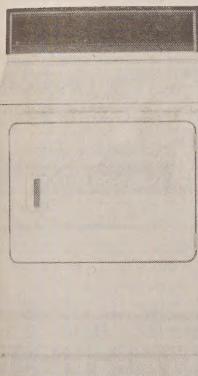
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These employers have tax responsibilities that other people do not. They first must have an employer identification number (EIN), which can be applied for either by mail or by telephone. Then they must keep a record of the name and social security number of each employee for tax purposes.

Household employers must withhold Social Security and Medicare Tax (FICA) from

employee wages, as well as pay an equal amount from their own funds. They also must withhold federal income tax if the employee ask for it and they agree.

Depending on the amount of wages paid to employees, household employers may have to pay Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA), or advance payment of the earned income credit of the employee qualifies for it.

None of these taxes apply, however, if the worker is hired through an agency that is responsible for who does the work and how it is done. For example, a nurse is hired from a home health care agency to lend to an elderly parent. The agency sets and collects the wages, pays the nurse and requires regular reports from the nurse.

But if the agency only gives out a list of nurses, is not responsible for how the work is done, and does not collect the wages, then chances are the nurse is a household employee. In that case, the taxes apply.

An employer also has to file certain forms with the Internal Revenue Service. These forms are to report the amount of tax withheld from employees' wages and are filed either or at the end of the depending on the amount wages paid and the type.

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Source: Internal Revenue Service

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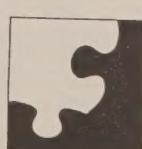
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